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CHUNGKING THE ONLY RECOGNISED GOVERNMENT IN CHINA

JAPANESE NOMINATE FIVE MEN FOR S.M.C.

SHANGHAI, Apr. 1 (Reuter)—The nomination of five Japanese candidates for Councilors in the forthcoming Municipal elections was announced today by the chairman of the Japanese Election Committee, Mr. Yukichi Hayashi. Pointing out the number of Japanese residents in Shanghai has reached 70,000, Mr. Hayashi declared that the number of Japanese ratepayers in the International Settlement totalled over 3,000, placing them at the top of national groups exceeding by 2,800 the British ratepayers who are now represented by five councilors.

"Therefore, it is only natural that we should seek to elect five, instead of two, Japanese councilors," Mr. Hayashi continued, adding: "The Japanese aim lies in discarding dictatorship of any one specific national group in Municipal affairs so that the administration of the International Settlement may be carried out in a truly international manner."

By a tacit agreement among the various national groups, the present ratio of seats on the Council—five British, two Americans, two Japanese and five Chinese—has stood for years.

If five Japanese candidates are elected, it will be at the expense of the British or the American representation, as the number of Chinese councilors is fixed by an agreement between the Chinese Government and foreign Powers with interests in the Settlement.

CANDIDATES' NAMES

The following are the five Japanese candidates: Mr. Yutaro Hanawa, manager of the Shanghai branch of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

Mr. Issiku Okamoto, former Japanese consul-general in Singapore and recently appointed director of the Japanese Cotton Mill-owners' Association in China;

Mr. Otchichi Okamoto, barrister-at-law and a member of the Murakami law office;

Mr. Makoto Den, Vice-President of the Central China Railways Company; and

Mr. Keitaro Kuroda, Chairman of the board of directors of the Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Company.

This is the first time in the history of the elections that the Japanese have nominated more than two and represents a determined attempt to obtain a controlling voice in the affairs of the International Settlement.

DR. IVO BELIN IN LONDON

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter)—Dr. Ivo Belin, Vice-Governor of the Yugoslav National Bank, arrived in London for negotiations with the British Government in connection with British and Yugoslav trade, the blockade and other economic problems.

Dr. Belin visited England in 1938 when he conducted the successful negotiation for a trade agreement between Britain and Yugoslavia.

Friend Of China

CHUNGKING, April 1 (Int'l)—Major William Mayer, Military Attaché of the American Embassy, made a very favourable impression in China's and foreign circles when he joined the Friends of the Wounded Society.

As a further indication of his goodwill and sympathy for China, Major William donated \$200 to the Society.



Messages of loyalty poured in to Chungking, to Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, from Chinese residents abroad.

People's Political Council

Session Opens In Wartime Capital

CHUNGKING, April 1 (Central)—Under the chairmanship of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, president of the Council, the fifth plenary session of the People's Political Council was formally opened here this morning.

The inaugural meeting was attended by a record number of 145 members, while more than a dozen others are on their way to Chungking and are expected to attend the regular business sessions this week.

Notable among the members attending are Mr. Tan Kah-kee, noted industrial magnate and philanthropist in Singapore, Dr. Chang Po-lin, President of the Nankai University and vice-chairman of the United Front League.

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COLLAPSE OF WANG REGIME ALREADY PREDICTED

China's Leaders Are Determined To Pursue Their Task

JAPAN ASKS FOR U.S. PATIENCE!

PARIS, April 1 (Reuter)—In an editorial article, the influential Le Temps asks "does the formation of Wang's 'government' mark a new and decisive stage in Far Eastern evolution? Only subsequent events can answer that question, but we must take note from the formation of the 'government' which is the outcome of the patient efforts of Japanese diplomacy, coupled with Japanese military operations."

"After two and-a-half years of undeclared war, giving them effective control in North China and certain central provinces, and also along some parts of the coast, the Japanese are still confronted with enormous difficulties for enforcing a permanent co-operation between Japan, China and 'Manchukuo' by bringing the other countries under Japanese control, and thus create a new 'central government' ready to co-operate with Japan on terms of mutual confidence."

"The problem is especially difficult as the war is still going on in China and Generalissimo Chiang's troops continue to fight, while Chungking's regular National Government is indomitable and determined to pursue its task."

The paper concludes by saying that "there will not be great changes in the situation as the Nanking 'power' is not yet recognized and CHUNGKING CONTINUES TO BE RECOGNISED AS THE ONLY LEGAL GOVERNMENT IN CHINA IN FOREIGN RELATIONS, AS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS PROCLAIMED."

PLEA TO U. S.

TOKYO, Apr. 1 (Reuter)—That the Japanese Government would continue to do its best to ameliorate relations between Japan and America was reiterated by Mr. Y. Suma, Foreign Office spokesman, at a press conference this morning.

He characterised the United States as a disturbing factor in Japan's efforts to realise stability and peace in China and he hoped that the Government of the United States would be a little more patient and wait and see the result of Japan's efforts.

The new "Central Government," he added, would be completely independent of "Manchukuo."

EFFIGY OF WANG BURNED

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter)—Lieut. Chiang Wei-go, son of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, was wildly cheered by 3,500 New York Chinese at a meeting of protest against the "Central China Government."

Afterwards, the crowd burned an effigy of Wang Ching-wei.

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COLLAPSE PREDICTED

SHANGHAI, Apr. 1 (Int'l)—Influential Japanese circles which do not attach much significance to the new Nanking regime predicted today Japan will be eventually compelled to approach the Central authorities in Chungking for a readjustment of Sino-foreign relations.

Colonel Sadaki Kagawa, the driving force behind Wang Ching-wei, is losing the confidence of Japanese financiers and even a good number of the militarists at home. The elimination of Wang

DISTRIBUTION OF STEEL SUPPLIES

LONDON, Apr. 1 (BWS)—The new system for distribution of steel supplies, which started today, marks a radical change in the practice by canalising steel consumption through appropriate government departments. These departments have been allocated total tonnages of steel for distribution to their connected activities.

In a very large measure the system of applying direct to iron and steel control authorities for purchase licenses will be restricted. By establishing closer control the new system will ensure that essential consumers of steel obtain supplies to cover their immediate needs.

MAIN PURPOSE

The main purpose is to relate the current production of steel, reinforced by steady imports, to the current consumption and level out of inequalities in steel distribution.

Manufacturers of steel goods for export will obtain supplies of raw material through the Board of Trade and have been advised to join appropriate export groups to simplify and make more effective the distribution arrangements.

Some latitude regarding time is permitted owing to the changes involved by the introduction of the scheme but it is expected to be in full operation in the second half of the year.

Ching-wei and the collapse of his puppet regime are deemed inevitable in the same circles, which base this outcome on a realistic view of the situation.

POST OFFICE BOYCOTT

SHANGHAI, Apr. 1 (Int'l)—The Shanghai Post Office has refused to fly the new flag of the Nanking regime as required for the celebration of the puppet regime between Apr. 1 and 7. No postal employees took part in the "return to Nanking" festivities on last Saturday.

The Japanese and the Nanking regime are pressing for compliance.

NO RECOGNITION

SHANGHAI, Apr. 1 (Int'l)—Non-recognition of the Nanking regime by the Western democracies is to be adhered to by the South American republics which look to Washington in deciding their political attitude towards the Far East, according to a Washington dispatch received here.

Japan is trying to induce some Latin American countries to change this front in the barter agreement negotiations but these States insist that economics must be separated from the doctrine of recognition.



Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, indignant over Wang's "farfetched claim." (See Page 7)

Mme. Sun's Opposition To Wang Significant Chungking Visit

CHUNGKING, Apr. 1 (Reuter)—The three Soong sisters, Mesdames Chiang Kai-shek and Sun Yat-sen H. H. Kung arrived at Chungking yesterday morning by air from Hongkong.

This is the first visit of Madame Sun Yat-sen, widow of the founder of the Kuomintang, to the wartime capital.

Particular significance is attached to the visit since the trip has been made just at the time of the establishment of the new "central" regime at Nanking. This, according to Chinese circles, proves her opposition to Wang Ching-wei's peace movement.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek returned to Chungking after a stay of nearly two months at Hongkong where she underwent medical treatment for sinus trouble.

ONE MORE JAPANESE TREATY VIOLATION

NEW YORK, Apr. 1 (Reuter)—There is no reason to suppose that the erection of a sham authority, under Japanese protection, will materially affect the military situation, says the Herald-Tribune.

As seen abroad, it means nothing but one more Japanese treaty violation, confirming that previous violations were studied and deliberate. To condone to the division of China into Manchuria, Mongolia, North China and Central China is as much a violation of the letter of treaties as would be Japan's formal annexation of occupied territory.

"This performance in Nanking can safely be labelled as a pretty feeble shoddy piece of oriental make-believe."

MORE DENUNCIATIONS

CHUNGKING, Apr. 1 (Central)—Among the welter of telegrams received here denouncing Wang Ching-wei's puppet regime established in Nanking is one jointly signed by Generals Wang Fu-lin, Ma Chan-ahai of Nanking River fame, Li Fu, the noted Hailujiang defender, and Ho Chu-kuo, defender of Shanhai-kwan. Another is signed by Gen. Ku Chu-tung, commander-in-chief of the Chinese forces in the Shanghai front during the early stages of the war, and his subordinate officers.

Scores of telegrams were received by the National Government from Chinese overseas organizations abroad denouncing Wang.

ENVOYS' TELEGRAM

CHUNGKING, Apr. 1 (Reuter)—Chinese diplomats abroad have issued a circular telegram denouncing Wang Ching-wei.

Among them are Dr. Wellington Koo, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Dr. Hu Shih, Mr. Chen Chieh and Gen. Yang Chieh, Ambassadors to France, Britain, United States, Germany and the Soviet respectively.

Prejudicial Statement By Police Officer Brings Murder Hearing To Unexpected Conclusion: Fresh Trial Ordered

The trial of a 25-year-old youth, Lam Cheung-hing, who was charged at the Criminal Sessions yesterday with the murder of a clansman, Lam Hing, on January 29 at Hunghom, was brought to an unexpected conclusion when the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, ruled that the proceedings were prejudiced by a statement, made in evidence, by a Chinese police officer that accused had been twice previously arrested, and ordered a new trial.

The statement which was considered damaging to defendant's case was made during cross-examination by Sgt. Ho Sang, who arrested the accused.

Asked by Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy who, instructed by Mr. Alfred Y. Hon, appeared for the defence, if he was a friend of the accused,

Special War Taxation In Singapore

SINGAPORE, Apr. 1 (Reuter)—An estimated annual contribution of £1,000,000 to the Imperial exchequer is aimed at, out of special war taxation, in a Bill before the Federal Council of the Federated Malay States.

It is expected that the Straits Settlement Council will also pass similar legislation.

M. PROSSARD IN LONDON

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter)—The French Minister of Information, M. Prossard, arrives in London today to confer with Sir John Reith, the British Minister of Information. Tomorrow M. Prossard will be present at a film show. The films are in French and deal with the work of the R.A.F. balloon barrage.

In connexion with the barrage it was officially revealed today that after the first raid on the Fifth of April it was decided to expand the system to guard hundreds of square miles of the harbours, ports and estuaries of Great Britain.

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In the World of Sports

EASTERN TROUNCE KOWLOON 5-0

Hsu Ah-fai Nets Three Goals On Club Ground

FRESH FROM THEIR TRIUMPH OVER SOUTH CHINA "A" in the Senior Shield final on Sunday, Eastern, playing the same team, with the exception of Hsu Ah-fai, who substituted for Lee Tak-kee, trounced Kowloon by five goals to nil in the First Division League on the Club Ground yesterday.

Kowloon, still stiff from the effects of their mud-bath of Saturday when they met the Royal Scots in the pouring rain, were completely out-played in every department and except for one or two isolated instances, never got anywhere near scoring.

Hsu Ah-fai was everywhere with the ball and succeeded in netting three goals, while good work on

the part of Smith, the Kowloon custodian, saved his side from a worse defeat.

The Hsu Ching-to, Chung Yung-sum combination was as good as ever and kept Hsu Ah-fai well fed, enabling the latter to shoot as he liked. Many of his shots were saved, however, or went wide.

NO SCORING

Kowloon started with only eight men, but the others trickled in and within 10 minutes of the start they had their full team on the field. No goals were scored in this period, however.

Eastern opened the score through Hsu Ah-fai who netted off a pass from Hsu Ching-to at very close range. This was followed by a solo effort by Hsu Ching-to which was saved. Two more shots were rained on the Kowloon goal in rapid succession but Smith saved both before he was beaten by Hsu Ah-fai who headed in a neat one from a prolonged melee in front of the Kowloon goal.

STRONG DEFENCE

Eastern was having the better of the exchanges but occasionally Kowloon would get through the somewhat strong Chinese defence and attempt to score. On one such occasion Lau Hin-hon fell with the ball in his hand, and was just able to pick himself up and clear. There was a period of up-and-down play when both goals were subjected to attacks, and Smith especially was responsible for some brilliant saves.

Shortly before half-time Chung Yung-sum took the ball up the right wing in a brilliant solo run, and, dodging the defence, shot in from just outside the penalty area, completely beating Smith who made the mistake of rushing out of the goal too early in his eagerness to save. The Chinese were leading three-nil when the interval was called.

CLOSE RANGE

Early in the second half Hsu Ah-fai scored from very close range with a beautiful left-leg shot. Kowloon were making desperate but unavailing efforts to carry play to the other end and as the end near, the assault on the Kowloon goal got more and more intense.

Good work by Chung Yung-sum resulted in a pass to Hsu Ching-to, who was there to tap the ball into the net to give them their fifth goal.

Towards the end the Chinese were making rings round the mainland team and shots were being rained on the Kowloon goal, but apparently the Chinese, too, were tiring for their shooting was very ragged and as scrappy as the type of play seen at the closing stages of the game.

THE TEAMS

EASTERN:—Lau Hin-hon; Kong Sin-king, Tsang Chung-wan; S. C. Liu, Hsu King-sen, Lo Wai-kuen; Chung Yung-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, Hsu Ah-fai, Cheng Ying-kuen and Hsu Ching-to.

KOWLOON:—Smith; Eastman, Ulrich; Maxwell, Dawes, White; Tomashevsky, P. Jorge, Copart, Jackson and Jorge.

No Olympic Games

HELSINGFORS, April 1 (Havas)

—The Twelfth Olympic Games will not be held this year, official Finnish quarters declared.

Preparations for the Games were far advanced when the War broke out, and the Finnish Government would have welcomed any international manifestation in bringing Finland some much needed funds for reconstruction. Seventeen nations, however, have informed Helsingfors that owing to the European War, they will not be able to take part in the Games.

BADMINTON LEAGUE

University Beat St. John's

At the Bu Tong-sen Gymnasium last night the University defeated St. John's by seven games to two in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League.

K. L. Yong and Miss Puan Kapon (Univ.) beat N. L. Smith and Mrs. Strange 21-10; beat David Kwok and Mrs. Wilson 21-4; beat R. Beaven and Miss M. McCaw 21-6.

P. K. Hui and Miss Ueng Khoo (Univ.) beat Smith and Mrs. Strange 21-17; beat Kwok and Mrs. Wilson 21-11; gave w.o. to Beaven and Miss McCaw.

P. S. Bun and Miss K. J. Hung (Univ.) lost to Smith and Mrs. Strange 17-21; beat Kwok and Mrs. Wilson 21-18; beat Beaven and Miss McCaw 21-11.

H.K.F.A. COUNCIL MEETING

A Council Meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association will be held on Monday, April 2, at 5.30 p.m. at the Association's office.

Minutes of Council Meeting No. 8; Minutes of League Management Committee Meetings Nos. 10, 11 and 12; Minutes of Emergency Sub-Committee Meetings Nos. 9 and 10; and Accounts will come up for consideration.

Fixtures Sporting

TODAY

TENNIS.—Colony's Championships.—Open Singles.—Tsui Yan-pui v. R. G. Biesel, Jr. (Stand Court); Wei Chung v. Tennis Kwok (7); Open Doubles.—Wong Fuk-nam and Lam Kwan v. T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (8); Handicap Doubles.—A. Lade and G. W. Sewell, -5.5 v. W. G. Harvey and A. R. Barwell, Scr. (2); N. D. Lloyd and W. R. Lambert, Scr. v. R. C. Beaven and A. K. Mackenzie, -1.5 or J. S. Theobald and S. M. Garrard, -5.5 (3); Mixed Doubles Handicap D.G.C. Allen and Miss J. Purvis, Scr. v. C. B. and Mrs. Nicholson -3.5 (4).

TOMORROW

BADMINTON.—Men's Doubles.—Semi-finals, H. Eardley and N. L. Smith v. C. Au and P. H. Wong (K.C.C., 8 p.m.); K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew v. M. A. Silva and M. A. Oliveira (K.C.C., 8.30 p.m.).

FOOTBALL.—First Division: Midlex v. Eastern (Club), 5 p.m. SHOOTING.—Hongkong Rifle Association's Weekly Spoon and Practice Shoot, at Kowloon City, 1.45 p.m.

TENNIS.—Colony's Championships.—Open Doubles.—Tsui Yan-pui and Tsui Yan-pui (holders) v. A. R. Kitchell and 1. M. A. Razack (Stand Court); Handicap Singles.—S. M. Garrard, -15.5 v. A. Lade, -4.5 (1); A. K. Mackenzie, -2.5 v. E. Zulauf, -1.5 (2); C. B. Nicholson, -3.5 v. R. C. Beaven, -2.5 (7); Handicap Doubles.—B. O'M. Deane and N. Spence, -4.5 v. A. C. L. Bowker and A. H. Penn, -1.5 (2); T. C. Monaghan and D. M. MacDougall, -1.5 v. C. H. R. Hyde and J. J. Ferguson, -3.0 (3); T. A. Pearce and F. D. Hunter, -3.5 v. C. D. N. Walker and E. L. Taverner, Scr. (4).

THURSDAY APRIL 4

TENNIS.—Colony's Championships.—Open Doubles.—Pang Oi-lam and Leung Ping-chiu v. S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn (Stand Court); T. A. Pearce and B. C. Fay or T. C. Chan and Marshall Ma v. P. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang (8); Club Championship.—M. Pagh v. G. W. Sewell (3); J. J. Ferguson v. R. C. Beaven (6); S. M. Garrard v. J. S. Theobald (7); Handicap Singles.—A. H. Barwell, -1.5 or J. C. Poole, -1.5 v. E. S. Hall, -1.5 (1); Handicap Mixed Doubles.—B. O'M. Deane and Miss Eardley or V. R. Gordon and Mrs. Ralph v. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stark, Scr. (2); Mr. and Mrs. C. H. R. Hyde, -3.0 v. J. R. M. and Mrs. D. E. B. Smith, Scr. (4).

GENERAL GRASSETT LEADS ARMY TEAM TO VICTORY IN THE SENIOR OFFICERS' MATCH AT BISLEY MEET

Governor's Prize Won By Lt. Le Seelleur

TRIUMPH FOR ROYAL ENGINEERS

THE FINAL DAY OF THE HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL PRIZE MEETING opened in fine weather yesterday and the light at 300 yards, when the President's Cup was fired for at 9.30 a.m., was excellent. There was no sun and very little wind to trouble the competitors and five tied for first place with a score of 48 each. As a result of the shoot-off, Ft. Sgt. Tollison, who has been shooting consistently well throughout the meeting, carried off the trophy.

The Services Rifle Championship, which followed on the 600 yards point, resulted in a win for R.S.M. Masten who was so steady and accurate that he increased his lead of one in the qualifying stages to five when the final figures came up.

The Royal Engineers took the first three prizes in the Services Rifle Championship and thus showed that they can shoot as well under service conditions as they can with the expert's S.R.V. Rifle.

At 12.15 p.m. the Senior Officers' match was fired and it must have been gratifying to the Service members of the Association to see H.E. the G.O.C., Major-General A. E. Grasett, lead the Army team to victory. Brig. Reeve was the stalwart of the team scoring 30 out of a possible 35. Fired at the same time as the Senior Officers' Match was the International—a new competition started last year.

Captained by A.S.P. Lole of the H.K. Police Reserve, the China team proved victorious and received a great ovation from the crowd at the presentation of prizes later in the day.

GOVERNOR'S PRIZE

Once these team shoots were over the stage was set for the battle at 700 and 800 yards, the result of which would decide H.E. the Governor's prize. At 2.15 p.m. the firing began on the 700 yards point and a shoot-off on this range gave Lt. Cooper the top place. At 3 p.m. the final shoot at 800 yards began and excitement was intense throughout the firing of the ten rounds. Lt. Otway with a fine 49 carried off the trophy for this range, but the final count up showed that Lt. Le Seelleur, R.E., had just beaten E. A. Gilquin, of the Royal Navy, by one point for the Governor's prize. In traditional style he was carried by his fellow competitors from the firing point to the Governor's tent there to be cheered and congratulated by the large crowd present for the prize distribution.

R.E. TRIUMPH

The prize list showed that this meeting has truly been a triumph for the Royal Engineers. The Governor's Prize the Grand Aggregate and the All Comers' Aggregate—the three major competitions of the meeting all went to that fine sportsman, Lt. Le Seelleur, who, in addition to shooting in the various competitions, helped tremendously in the preparations connected with the running of the meeting. No victory could have been more popular.

Not content with all the major prizes of the meeting in the S.R.A. and S.R.V. competitions, the Royal Engineers have recorded numerous smaller victories and it must have given H.E. the G.O.C.—an old Sapper—very great pleasure to see so many engineers figuring in the prize list.

WORKERS THANKED

Before the prize distribution the President of the Association Major R. D. Walker, welcomed the large crowd of visitors and thanked those who had worked so hard to make the meeting a success. In spite of the difficulties of dealing with such large numbers of entries and the vagaries of the weather, the meeting had been brought to a successful conclusion on scheduled time.

In addition to Capt. Sale, the Secretary, Major Walker thank-

C.B.S. SPORTS & PHYSICAL TRAINING DISPLAY

The annual school sports of the Central British School will be held on the school ground on Saturday, April 6, starting at 2 p.m., weather permitting. Lady Noble has kindly agreed to give away the prizes.

The Physical Training Display will be held on Tuesday, April 9 at 6.15 p.m. on the school ground.

Cage Games At Varsity

INTER-HOSTEL TOURNEY

Much interest is attached, in Hongkong University sporting circles, to the outcome of the Inter-Hotel Basketball Tournament for 1940, of which the third series of cage games is to be played today at the University Gymnasium, from 5 p.m. on.

With the participation of picked basketball teams, representing six University Hostels, the revised fixtures of the Tournament now stand as follows:

Today—5 p.m., St. John's Hall vs. Ricci Hall; 6 p.m. Elliot vs. May Hall.

Thursday—5 p.m., St. John's Hall vs. Morrison Hall; 6 p.m., Elliot Hall vs. Ricci Hall.

Tuesday April 9—5 p.m., Ricci Hall vs. May Hall; 6 p.m. St. John's Hall vs. Elliot Hall.

Thursday April 11—5 p.m., Morrison Hall vs. Ricci Hall.

Official umpire of the basketball games throughout the Tournament is Mr. Y. K. Fung, of the Hongkong Basketball Association.

Volunteer Officers At Cricket

The following will represent the Officers H.K.V.D.C. against "An Army XI" at the K.C.C. on Sunday, commencing 11.30 a.m. sharp:

Lt.-Col. E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), Major R. D. Walker, Major H. Owen Hughes, Lt. A. E. Perry, Lt. J. S. Hardie Scott, Lt. E. W. Spout, Lt. A. M. Rodriguez, Lt. D. J. N. Anderson, 2/Lt. D. McLellan, 2/Lt. W. Stoker, and 2/Lt. T. A. Pearce.

HOCKEY SEASON ENDS

Y.M.C.A. TO HOLD CABARET DANCE IN AID OF B.W.O.F.

To mark the end of a highly successful season, in which over 70 (men's) games have so far been played, the Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club plan to hold a special cabaret-dance in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel on Friday, April 13, to which all members and friends are invited.

INTRA-CLUB GAMES

On the following day (Saturday), the season will be formally closed by two intra-Club matches, the first starting at 3 o'clock, when the Men's Junior XI will play the "Y" Ladies, winners of the Caer Clark Cup for the fourth successive year. The second match will be between the Civilian and Service members of the Club's Senior team. Weather permitting, an open air tea will be given on the ground and photographs will be taken.

Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club dances have always proved to be very popular in the past, and every effort is being made to ensure the success of this one. It will begin at 9 p.m. and will last till 2 a.m. to the music of Art Canero's Band.

Tickets for the dance may be obtained beforehand through members or at the counter of the Y.M.C.A. Double tickets cost \$3.50 and single tickets \$2, and the proceeds will go to the British War Organisation Fund.

NO PLAY IN COLONY TENNIS YESTERDAY

Despite the favourable break in the weather on Sunday and yesterday, no play in the Colony Lawn Tennis championships was possible yesterday, Saturday's deluge having made the courts too soft to permit any of the matches fixed for Monday being played.

According to the programme of matches for this week, some interesting games are down for today, if weather conditions make play possible.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Open Singles: Tsui Yan-pui v. R. G. Biesel, Jr. (Stand Court); Wei Chung v. Tennis Kwok (7). Open Doubles: Wong Fuk-nam and Lam Kwan v. T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (8).

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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the April Meeting, Sunday, 14th April, 1940, (weather permitting) may be obtained at—

The Secretaries' Office, 3rd Floor Prince's Bldg., Des Voeux Road C.

The Hong Kong Club, The Sports Club, The Club House, Macau.

Entries close at 12 NOON on THURSDAY, 4th April, 1940.

By order, T. A. MARTIN & CO., Secretaries & Treasurers.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 6th April, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The first Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges, admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock NOON.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Telephone 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

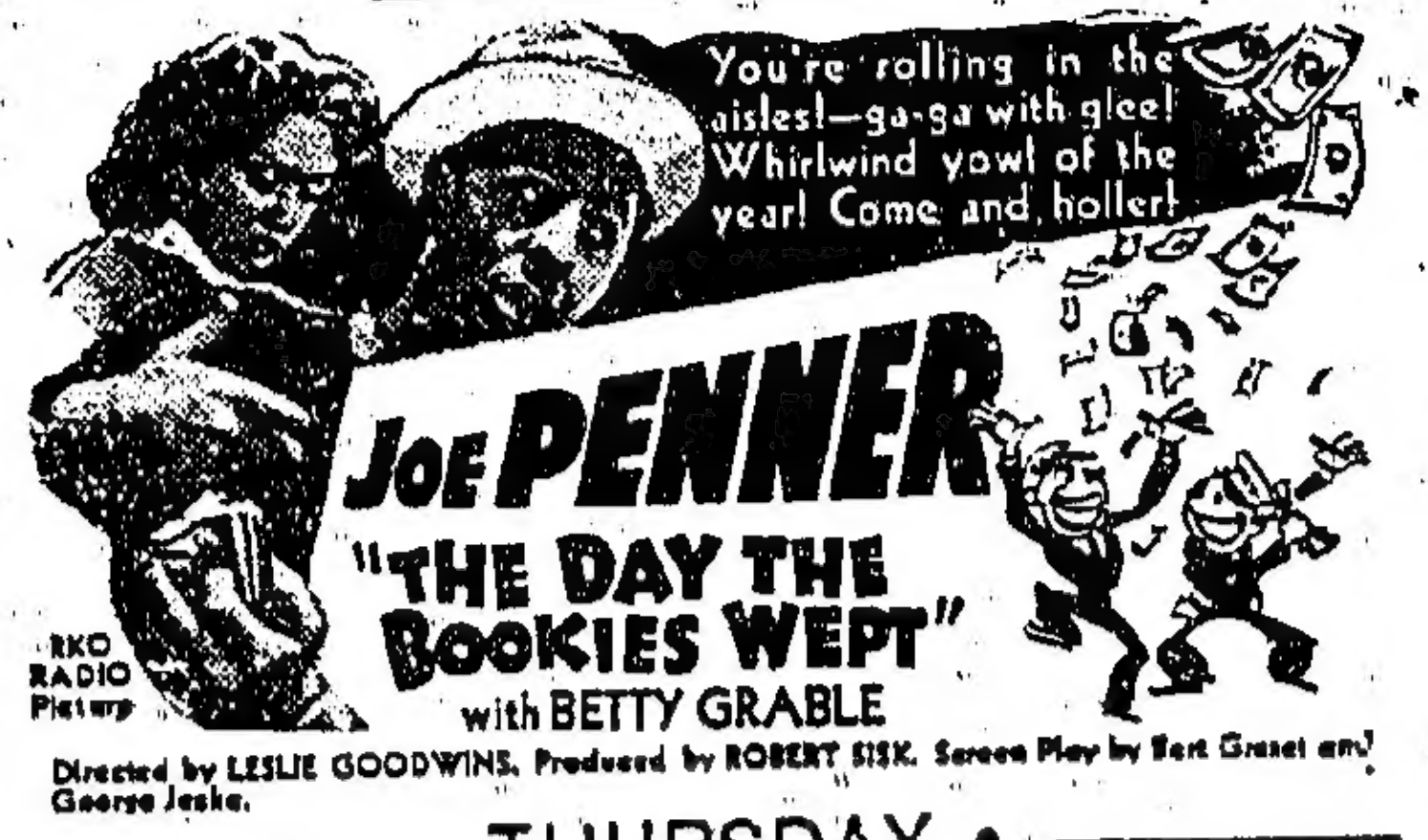
By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 1st April, 1940.

QUEEN'S THEATRE

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COMING EVENTS

APRIL
 2-Tides: High 7.25 a.m. and 5.50 p.m. Low 11.05 a.m.
 Sunrise: 6.16 a.m.; Sunset: 6.39 p.m.
 H.K. Realty & Trust Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg.
 H.K. & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg. 12 noon.
 Busy Bee Working Party, Bridge and Mahjong Drive, Cathedral Hall, 3 p.m.
 Flag Sales in aid of China War Orphans.
 Annual Mtg. of St. Andrew's Church Branch of Y.M.C.A. St. Andrew's Hall, 8.45 p.m.
 H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m.
 Wedding: Choy-Groce, at Registry.
 H.K. Referees' Assn. Meeting, Hotel Cecil, 7.30 p.m.
 Y.M.C.A. Contract Bridge Class 10 a.m.; Badminton from 6 p.m.
 Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
 Colony Tennis Championships.
 Cheero Club Whist Drive, 9 p.m.
 A.D.C. Dress Rehearsal at China Fleet Club Theatre, 9 p.m.
 S. and S. Home: L.C.A. Mtg. 3 p.m.
 Cathedral Scouts, Bishop's House, 5.30 p.m.
 Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.
 H.K. Branch of English Assn., Helena May Inst., 5.30 p.m.
 S. and S. Home: Prayer and Fellowship Mtg.
 Busy Bee Working Party Bridge and Mahjong Drive, Cathedral Hall, 3 p.m.
 3-Tides: High 7.55 a.m. and 6.55 p.m. Low 12.44 a.m. and 12.22 p.m.
 Sunrise: 6.15 a.m.; Sunset: 6.40 p.m.
 Green Island Cement Co., Annual Mtg., 11.30 a.m.
 H.K.A.D.C. to present "Tony Draws a Horse" at China Fleet Club.
 Y.M.C.A. Dance, 10 p.m.
 Y.M.C.A. Badminton from 10 a.m.
 Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
 Colony Tennis Championships.
 Cheero Club Whist Drive, 9.30 p.m.
 Kowloon Marathon Race, 5 p.m.
 Kowloon Union Church, Women's Guild, 10 a.m.
 Cathedral Women's Fellowship Working Party, Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m.
 4-Tides: High 8.20 a.m. and 7.45 p.m. Low 1.21 a.m. and 1.15 p.m.
 Sunrise: 6.14 a.m.; Sunset: 6.41 p.m.
 H.K. Fire Insurance Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg., 12 noon.
 H.K.A.D.C. to present "Tony Draws a Horse" at China Fleet Club.
 Y.M.C.A. Ladies' Night, Dinner 7.30 p.m.; Games Morning 10 a.m.
 Vagabond Rotarians, Cafe de Chine, 1 p.m.
 Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
 Colony Tennis Championships.
 Cheero Club Games Night; Contract Bridge or Mahjong.
 5-Tides: High 8.40 a.m. and 8.30 p.m. Low 1.51 a.m. and 2 p.m.
 Sunrise: 6.13 a.m.; Sunset: 6.42 p.m.
 H.K.S.P.C. Charity Ball, Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
 H.K. Football Referees' Assn. Whist Drive, Hotel Cecil, 8 p.m.
 H.K.A.D.C. to present "Tony Draws a Horse" at China Fleet Club.
 Y.M.C.A. Badminton from 6 p.m.
 Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
 Colony Tennis Championships.
 Cheero Club Darts, Table-Tennis, Billiards.
 Kowloon Rifles' Retreat, Whitfield Barracks.
 St. Andrew's Church Hall: Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, Jumble Sale, 3 p.m.
 6-Tides: High 9 a.m. and 9.08 p.m. Low 2.25 a.m. and 2.40 p.m.
 Sunrise: 6.12 a.m.; Sunset: 6.43 p.m.
 H.K.O.C.A. Supper Dance, Peninsula Hotel.
 Bazaar at French Hospital.
 H.K.A.D.C. to present "Tony Draws a Horse" at China Fleet Club.
 H.K. Jockey Club's Third Extra Race Mtg., 2.30 p.m.
 Central British School Annual Sports, 2 p.m.
 7-Tides: High 9.20 a.m. and 9.44 p.m. Low 2.55 a.m. and 3.20 p.m.
 Sunrise: 6.11 a.m.; Sunset: 6.44 p.m.
 H.K. Golf Club: Second Round of Adamson Cup and Final of Mixed Poursomes due to be completed.
 Bazaar at French Hospital.
 Wedding: Gossio-Yanovich, St. Teresa's Church, 4 p.m.
 International Softball Series, 2 p.m.
 8-Tides: High 9.39 a.m. and 10.16 p.m. Low 3.28 a.m. and 4 p.m.
 Sunrise: 6.10 a.m.; Sunset: 6.45 p.m.
 St. John's Ambulance Inspection by H.E. the Governor Causeway Bay, 5.30 p.m.
 St. Patrick's Hall, Garden Road: Lecture by Rev. W. P. MacDougall "The Inquisition," 5.30 p.m.
 H.K.R.A. Council Meeting, 5.30 p.m.
 9-Tides: High 9.55 a.m. and 10.50 p.m. Low 3.55 a.m. and 4.55 p.m.
 Sunrise: 6.09 a.m.; Sunset: 6.46 p.m.
 Union Church: Wedding—Fender-Dempsey.
 Toc H, Kowloon Circle, Social and Dance, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 8.30 p.m.
 C.B.S. Physical Training Display, 6.15 p.m.
 H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m.
 10-Tides: High 10.15 a.m. and 11.30 p.m. Low 4.20 a.m. and 5.15 p.m.
 Sunrise: 6.08 a.m.; Sunset: 6.47 p.m.
 Claims against estate of William Wair due to be completed.
 Quarry Bay School, Spring Festival, 11 a.m.
 11-Black-Out Exercises.
 Claims against Aachen & Munich Fire Insurance Co. due.
 St. Joseph's College Annual Sports, Caroline Hill, 1 p.m.
 12-Extraordinary Gen. Mtg. of Kowloon Football Club.
 Northumberland & Durham Assn. Dinner Dance, Peninsula Hotel.
 13-C.B.S. Sports.
 14-International Softball Series, 2 p.m.
 Tai Wah Cup Final—Chinese v. Army.
 15-St. Patrick's Hall, Garden Road: Lecture by Rev. W. P. MacDougall "Official Heroes and Villains," 5.30 p.m.
 17-H.K. & Shanghai Hotels Ltd. Annual Mtg., 12 noon.
 18-Vagabond Rotarians, Cafe de Chine, 1 p.m.
 19-Tung Ah Knitting Co. Ltd. Annual Mtg., 6.30, 8.15, 9.30 p.m.
 St. George's Day, Gala Show, King's Theatre, 8.30 p.m.
 Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club Cabaret Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.

Radio Programmes

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A PLAY FROM THE STUDIO
"DOCTOR MY BOOK"

Beethoven Trio
 12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.
 12.30 Songs by Hildegard.

1 Believe in Miracles (Lewis and Others) For Me, For You (Towers and Arden); Darling, de Vous Aime Beaucoup (Sosenko) — with Orchestral accompaniment.
 12.40 Henry Jacques and His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.
 Quickstep—Take A Tip From The Tulp (Jim "Radio City Revels"); Waltz—You Got The Best of The Bargain. Slow Fox-Trot—So Long, Sweetheart; Quickstep—You're an Education. Waltz—I'm Still in Love With You; Fox-Trot—I'm Just Beginning to Care.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 Compositions of Tchaikowsky.

Farewell, Ye Mountains (from "Jeanne d'Arc")—Maria Jertiza (Soprano) with Orchestra. Theme and Variations from Suite No. 3 in C—London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Sir Landon Ronald. In A Three-Horse Sleigh — Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano).

1.30 Renter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Old Musical Comedy Favourites.

"Miss Hock of Holland" — Vocal Gems (Rubens)—Light Opera Company with Orchestra. "Chu Chin Chow" — Selection (Norton) — The London Palladium Orchestra. "The Maid of the Mountains"—Vocal Gems (Fraser-Sims)—Light Opera Company with Orchestra. "The Land of Smiles"—Selection (Lehar) — London Theatre Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.
8.00 Beethoven—Trio in D Major, Op. 70, No. 1.

Hephzibah and Yehudi Menuhin (Piano) and Violin and Maurice Eisenberg (Cello).

8.28 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
8.30 Popular Classics compared from the Studio.

7.30 London Relay—The News.
8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Puccini's "La Boheme" Act II. Singers in order of appearance: Luigi Marini, Gino Vancelli, Rosetta Pampalini, (Trancredi) Pasero, Aristide Baracchi, Giuseppe Nesi, Salvatore Bacchini, Luisa Mirella, and Full Chorus of La Scala, Milan, with Orchestra.

8.22 Sibellus — Symphonic Poem "The Oceanides," Op. 73.
 The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Adrian Boult.

8.30 Studio — Piano Recital by Harry Ore.

1. Sonata in D Major (Haydn); 2. (a) Asphodel (Cyril Scott); 3. (a) Prelude in A Minor (Scriabin); (b) Satanic Poem, Op. 36 (Scriabin).

8.55 Orchestral Selections.
 Doubinushka (arr. Rimsky-Korsakov)—London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates. The Wreckers Overture (Edel Smith).

Dame Ethel Smyth conducting The British Symphony Orchestra. Hungarian Rhapsody No. 3 (Liszt)—Grand Symphony Orchestra.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 London Relay—"Cards on the Table."

9.45 Studio—"Doctor My Book"
 A Play in one act by Rudolph de Cordova and Alicia Ramsey. Produced by Evelyn Wood. Action takes place in the year 1814. Scene: The consulting room of Doctor Abernethy. The cast in order of appearance: Doctor Abernethy — R. Norworthy; Doctor Richard Linton — E. O'Neill; Houskeeper — Helene Prior; Colonel the Hon. Frederic Hamilton — C. Jones; Mrs. Gervaise-Danvers — Evelyn Gray; Miss Julia Gervaise-Danvers — Diana Duncan; The Reverend Nichodemus Brown — H. D. Rosenhall; The Countess of Arbutnot — Vera Murrell; Mick O'Brien — J. A. Page; H.E. The Prince of Wales — H. Duncan.

10.30 Dance Music.

20-R.E.O.C.A. Supper Dance, Peninsula Hotel.
 H.K. Jockey Club's Fourth Extra Race Meeting, 2.30 p.m.

21-H.K. Golf Club: Semi-finals of Adamson Cup due to be completed.
 Football League: Champions v. Rtd. 22—Union Waterboat Co. Ltd. Annual Meeting, 11 a.m.

St. Patrick's Hall, Garden Road: Lecture by Rev. W. P. MacDougall "The Middle Ages," 5.30 p.m.
23—Army Inter-Unit Athletic Meet, Polo Ground.

Inter-School Sports, Caroline Hill D.O.A. Annual Mtg., 5.30 p.m.
24—Army Inter-Unit Athletic Meet, Polo Ground.

25—Army Inter-Unit Athletic Meet, Polo Ground.
26—Softball League Presentation Night Dance.

Inter-School Sports (Finals), Caroline Hill.
 Referees' Assn. Dance, Hotel Cecil.

27-R.E.O.C.A. Social Evening.
28-H.K. Golf Club, Adamson Cup Final due to be completed.

K.C.C. Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament, 2.30 p.m.
29—St. Patrick's Hall, Garden Road: Lecture by Rev. W. P. MacDougall "The Faith in Europe."

Fox-Trots—The Fleet's In Port Again (from "O-Ray for Sound"); Jack Hylton and His Orchestra. Tangles — Du. Schwarzer Zigeuner; Veni Pebebe—Dajos Bela and His Dance Orchestra. Fox-Trots—These Foolish Things (from "Spread it abroad"); The Touch of Your Lips—Roy Fox and His Orchestra. Waltzes Secret Rendezvous (from "One Rainy Afternoon"); The One Rose—Victor Young and His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—Soon (from "Mississippi"); It's Easy to Remember (from "Mississippi"); Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians.

11.00 Close down.

SHORT WAVE

DAVENTRY
 Calls G.S.G. 17.70a. (16.88m.)
 G.S.B. 17.10a. (15.88m.)
 G.S.H. 17.47a. (15.97m.)
 G.S.O. 18.18a. (16.79m.)

NEWS IN ENGLISH
 Transmission I—News Summary 4.00 p.m.
 Full Bulletin 5.00 p.m.
 Trans. II & III—News Summary 6.45 p.m.
 Full Bulletin 7.30 p.m.
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Transmission V—News Summary 7.30 a.m.
 Full Bulletin 8.30 a.m.

SHORT TALKS FROM B.B.C.

(All Hongkong Time)
Mondays — Background to the News 11.00 p.m.
Tuesdays — Background to the News 8.15 a.m.
In England Now 11.00 p.m.
Cards on the Table 8.00 p.m.
Wednesdays — In England Now 8.45 a.m.
Cards on the Table 8.15 a.m.
Matters of Moment 11.00 p.m.
Thursdays — Matters of Moment 8.45 a.m.
Background to the News 11.00 p.m.
Fridays — In England Now 8.45 a.m.
Now 11.00 p.m.
Saturdays — In England Now 8.45 a.m.
Now 11.15 p.m.
Sundays — London Log 8.45 a.m.

COLONIAL JUDGE GETS DECREE

Wife Told Him She Was In Love

Mr. Justice George Gilmour Robinson, a pulse judge of the High Court of Northern Rhodesia, whose address was given as Livingstone, Northern Rhodesia, was granted a decree nisi by Mr. Justice Henn Collins in the Divorce Court recently. The suit was undefended.

It was alleged that Mrs. Robinson had committed adultery with a Mr. Leslie H. Williams, who was cited as co-respondent.

The marriage took place at Mombasa Memorial Cathedral, Kenya, in 1931, and there is one child. Mr. Justice Robinson and his wife lived together in Africa and in England.

According to the case for the husband, Mrs. Robinson told him in 1933 that she was in love with Mr. Williams, and last February she was going away with Williams. Adultery was alleged at a London hotel last March.

The petitioner, whose evidence was given on affidavit, was granted custody of the child and costs against the co-respondent.

FRIEND AS CO-RESPONDENT

Citing as co-respondent, Capt. Gordon Edward McCabe, who had been his close friend for many years, Capt. Archibald Leslie Gracie, of Queen Victoria's Rifles, was granted a decree nisi in the Divorce Court. The suit was not defended, and costs were awarded against the co-respondent.

Capt. Gracie's case was, when on leave, Capt. McCabe, who was unmarried, used to stay with him and his wife. In 1938, after Capt. McCabe had spent nearly six months with them, Mrs. Gracie left home and forwarded the bill from a London hotel at which she and Capt. McCabe had stayed together.

Soldiers' wives in the London area will shortly receive by post about £2 each, representing the extra allowance of 6d. a day from December 4 until February 25. After that date the allowance will be included in the normal weekly payments. An extra allowance was paid to wives in the London postal region in the last war.

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INTENSIFICATION OF ALLIED BLOCKADE

Mr. Churchill's Speech Has French Approval

AMSTERDAM, April 1 (Reuter)—Political circles here regard Mr. Winston Churchill's speech as foreshadowing the intensification of the Allied blockade. They expect, in particular, sharper control of exports to neutral countries with the object of ruling out the possibility of goods being forwarded to Germany.

A message from Paris states that Mr. Churchill's speech has been received with full agreement in Paris official circles where it is regarded as a vigorous and up-to-date statement of the Allies' position towards neutrals and non-belligerents.

TWO-POINT CLARITY

The speech is specially welcomed, for its uncompromising clarity on two points, firstly that the enemy is Germany and secondly that the Allies do not want a war with Russia unless it is forced upon them.

Settled At Last!

CLAIM AGAINST U.S. GOVT.

OSLO, April 1 (Reuter)—An agreement for arbitration in connection with the sixty-nine million dollar claim brought by Christopher Hannevig against the United States Government has been reached by the governments of Norway and the United States. The claim arises from the requisitioning by the United States Shipping Board in 1917 of ship-building yards with contracts and materials in which the Norwegian, Christopher Hannevig, held large interests.

Hannevig's claims for compensation has since been the subject of protracted dispute between the two governments. Under an agreement the two governments consented to exchange pleas within certain time limits and if within six months after the last plea had been presented they still did not agree, settlement in the matter would be referred to the American Court of Claims. The agreement is subject to ratification.

CALCUTTA CHOLERA CURSE

CALCUTTA, April 1 (Reuter)—Ten people have died here of cholera as a result of the strike of the municipal scavengers which began on March 26.

Disregarding religious laws which forbid the higher castes to defile themselves by sweeping refuse, the citizens, the majority of whom are Hindus, are organising bands of voluntary scavengers. The strikers are demanding higher wages.

New Ships For A.P. Lines

The Maritime Commission recently confirmed the names selected for the new C-3 ships being constructed for American President Lines Round-World Service. These vessels will bear the following names: President Adams, President Monroe, President Jackson, President Van Buren, President Polk, President Hayes, President Garfield.

The first ship to be launched will be the President Jackson, toward the latter part of May at the Newport News Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Company, Newport News, Virginia, where all seven of the vessels are being built.

These ships will carry 100 passengers and 124 crew. They will be 492 feet long, 69.5 feet beam, and have a speed of 16½ knots. They will be of 9300 tons gross. These vessels will maintain a schedule of 98 days around the world, including all stops.

"Introduction of these seven new liners," said the Commission announcement, "will enable American President Lines to complete 26 Round-World voyages a year in this service."

It will be noted that these names are the names of the present A. P. L. ships in the Round-World Service with one exception. The s.s. President Harrison will be replaced by the President Jackson. The 98-day schedule will cut 14 days off the schedule maintained by the present fleet.

RAW MATERIALS TO GERMANY

STOCKHOLM, April 1 (Reuter)—Political circles cannot see the force of Mr. Winston Churchill's suggestion that neutrals are supplying Germany with raw materials to prolong the war.

It is pointed out that it has been only recently that such significance had been attached to the export of Swedish iron ore. It is added that prior to the outbreak of war this export trade to Germany was considered only of secondary importance.

Gestapo Guessing

PRAGUE, April 1 (Reuter)—The Gestapo are still looking for the Czech student who is said to have shot a Gestapo agent ten days ago, and to have killed two Nazi frontier guards two days later.

Late on Saturday night a Special Court in Prague passed sentence of death on a man said to have warned the student and helped him to escape, while another man was sent to jail for ten years for withholding information from the police.

Many arrests have been made of people believed to possess information about the student. So far all Nazi attempts to find student have not been successful.

PREMIER TO GIVE STATEMENT

LONDON, April 1 (Reuter)—Both Houses of Parliament will meet on Tuesday after the Easter Recess, and the practice of sitting three days weekly will be resumed in future to give the Ministers more time for their departmental duties.

It is expected the Prime Minister will make a statement on Tuesday regarding the recent meeting of the Supreme War Council, and he will also be asked if he has any information regarding the subjects of recent discussions between Hitler and Mussolini.

NEW SOVIET LAW PASSED

LONDON, April 1 (Reuter)—According to the Moscow Radio the Soviet Parliament has unanimously passed a law incorporating in the Soviet Union the territories of Eastern Finland ceded to the U.S.S.R.

The law links the new territory with Soviet-Karelia and constitutes the two areas as a unit under the title of Karelia-Finnish Federal Soviet Republic.

EMPIRE FLYING BOAT SERVICE

LONDON, April 1 (Reuter)—The Empire Flying Boat Service to Durban will be fully restored this week. There will be two return flights weekly to Durban as was the schedule before the War broke out.

LADY CALDECOTT'S INSPECTION

Lady Caldecott visited the depot of the Hospital Supply Association at the premises of Messrs. Millers Ltd., Ceylon, recently to inspect a new consignment of garments and Red Cross requirements which are ready for dispatch.

A number of prominent Colombo ladies had helped to sort and arrange the large number of garments and other articles neatly on six tables.

Lady Caldecott, who was shown round by Mrs. T. H. Leader, expressed much satisfaction at the high quality as well as the quantity of work turned out during the past three weeks since the dispatch of the last consignment.

Balaclava helmets, socks and pyjama suits, labelled with the name and address of the sender, gauze swabs, cotton lint and bandages were among articles on view.

Last Respects For Late Leader

STATE FUNERAL FOR MR. M. J. SAVAGE

AUCKLAND, April 1 (Reuter)—The funeral of the late Mr. M. J. Savage took place here today in the presence of two hundred thousand people. Roman Catholic and Maori rites were observed at the ceremony.

The funeral took place at Old Fort Bastion, overlooking Auckland Harbour.

Mr. Savage's body was brought here yesterday from Wellington where it had lain in state in the Parliament House for four days.

Over 100,000 people lined the route to pay their last respects to the 'dead leader' as the most impressive funeral procession in New Zealand's history passed through Wellington's main streets.

The Governor-General, Viscount Galt, read the procession, which included the High Commissioners of the United Kingdom and Canada, the Governor of Fiji, Consular representatives, Maoris and Samoans.

LATEST R.A.F. CASUALTY LIST

The latest R.A.F. Casualty List issued by the Air Ministry in London is available in the Hongkong Daily Press Office.

Saar - Vosges Activity

HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE HEARD

PARIS, Apr. 1 (Reuter)—There has been considerable activity between the Saar and the Vosges, artillery fire being heavy at certain points.

In Upper Alsace the Germans yesterday continued their pacifist and anti-British propaganda by means of streamers and placards and the French replied with machine-gun fire.

There was little air activity owing to the weather but there were a few reconnaissance flights by the French and Germans over the respective enemy territories.

AIR FORCES BUSY

PARIS, Apr. 1 (Reuter)—The communique issued today stated that there was fairly intense activity of both air forces.

PLANNING TO USE GAS

SOMEWHERE IN WEST SUYUAN, April 1 (Reuter)—Chinese forces are continuing their "mopping up" operations against straggled Japanese near Wuyuan, west Suyuan town recently recaptured.

In an attack on the remnant Japanese at Lushihsiang, they inflicted over 200 casualties and captured 14 cases of shells, 30,000 rounds of rifle bullets and a number of horses and camels.

A Japanese defence plan for Wuyuan, seized by the Chinese, reveals that the Japanese intended to use gas if attacked. More than 10 cases of gas shells found in the enemy ammunition depot in Wuyuan confirmed the Japanese design.

"GREAT POLISH NATION"

PARIS, April 1 (Reuter)—Mr. Sumner Welles wrote letters to the Polish Prime Minister, General Sikorski, and the Foreign Minister, M. Zaleski, before he left Rome. This was announced at the Cabinet meeting of Polish Ministers at Angers.

The letters stress the importance of the conversations which took place with Polish leaders when Mr. Welles was in Paris and express friendly feelings for the "great Polish nation."

A national women's committee for making preparations to participate in the forthcoming National People's Congress was formed at a meeting of women leaders in Chungking on Sunday. Madame Ma Chao-chun, Madame Feng Yuh-shang, Miss Sze Liang and Miss Tang Kuo-chen and others were elected executives.

German Propaganda Is Given The Lie

Broadcast Allegations Are Just Imagination

LONDON, April 1 (Reuter)—It is officially stated by the Air Ministry that there is no truth whatever in the reports which continue to be broadcast from Germany that some British pilots have been court-martialled for having made false reports in regard to operations against Germany.

The names of two officers have been mentioned in connection with these reports, but both the officers are employed solely on ground duty and at no time, since the outbreak of war, has either of them taken part in active operations against the enemy.

Official reports of air operations are issued only by the Air Ministry or from the headquarters of the British Air Force in France, and no claim is included in any such report until the evidence has been fully examined and the claim authenticated.

GERMAN RAIDER ATTACKED

LONDON, April 1 (Reuter)—A German raider was caught napping by a British Fighter over the North Sea. The Fighter dived and attacked the German plane which was last seen flying low, disabled.

TRAIN EXPLOSION

CHUNGKING, April 1 (Central)—Many passengers were killed and wounded when an explosion occurred in a Shanghai-bound train from Nanking at Chishuyen station, about seven miles from Changshu last Saturday morning. Four freight cars were overturned.

NEW BAGHDAD CABINET

BAGHDAD, April 1 (Reuter)—The Cabinet has resigned and a new Cabinet is being formed under Rashid Ali Ghalibani with Nuri as Foreign Minister.

AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

STOCKHOLM, April 1 (Reuter)—The Swedish and Norwegian Prime Ministers, M. Hansson and M. Nygaardsvold, and the Finnish Minister for Supply, M. Tanner, were among the delegates from the four northern countries who attended the two-day meeting of the Nordic Labour Co-operation Committee which terminated today.

The proceedings were kept secret but it was revealed that the delegates discussed the political situation in general, Nordic economic collaboration and problems arising from the Finnish war received especial consideration.

The main purpose of the meeting was to exchange information and no special decisions were reached.

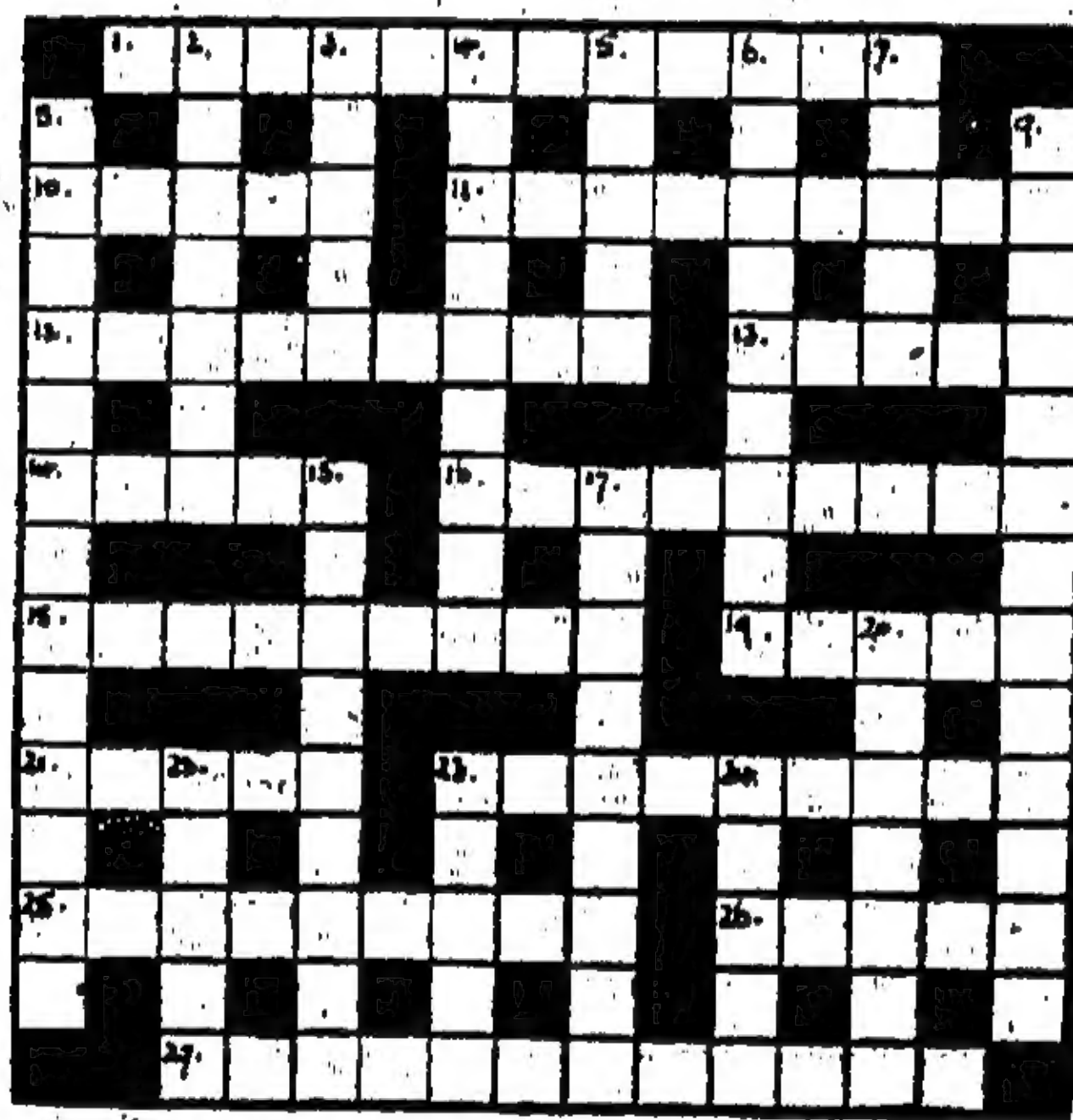
ADMIRAL BYRD IN CHILE

SANTIAGO, Mar. 31 (Reuter)—Admiral Richard Byrd, who has been leading an expedition to the Antarctic, has arrived at Punta Arenas (Chile).

He said that he was very satisfied with the results of the expedition and that a very wide region had been covered by air to gather meteorological data.

Admiral Byrd added that they had sailed 7,000 miles by his ship, North Star, without encountering ship or land.

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ACROSS

- Hardly the joint to express a warm welcome (2 words, 4, 8).
- Cassius was called the last one.
- The burglar is usually a visitor of this type.
- He speaks to thousands of people every.
- A famous modern artist.
- Youth is always supposed to be allowed to have it.
- Paolo's love.
- The notes of a loudspeaker may produce it (2 words, 4, 5).
- Ghastly and sensational.
- An old German country conquered by Trajan.
- A short passage, but you can always have a rag in it.
- Calls it in for a spark.
- Throw out.
- The Englishman's 8 down (3 words, 5, 3, 4).

DOWN

- Ottoman.
- What a German calls the Danube.
- If you like a free hand, avoid them.
- A sore point.
- Epithet for the remains of Stonehenge.
- Epithet for kidneys, but not the 8 down variety.
- A foundation for the day (2 words, 9, 4).
- This whiskey should be genuine (3 words, 5, 3, 5).
- The sort of exercise to keep you fit.
- To find out as definite.
- The town for students to spend their time in?
- Unnecessary advice to the ambitious parvenue.
- Modern disfigurement of the countryside.
- A crested bird.

SOLUTION TOMORROW

GENERAL WEYGAND IN PARIS

PARIS, April 1 (Reuter)—General Weygand, Commander-in-Chief of the French forces in the Middle East, conferred on Saturday night with M. Paul Reynaud. It was not known that he was in Paris until an announcement was made after the meeting which took place after the conference of the War Council lasting three hours.



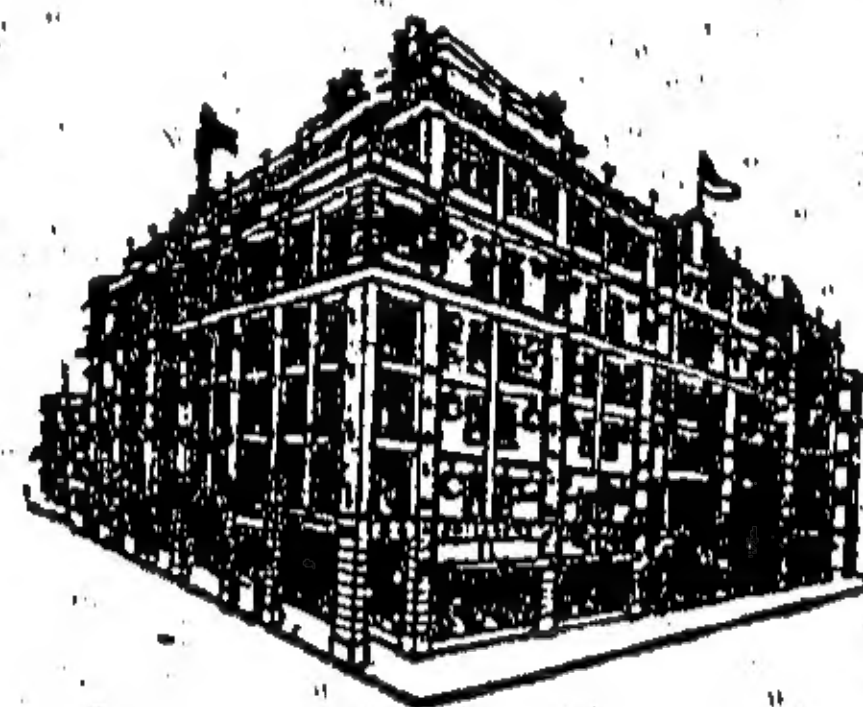
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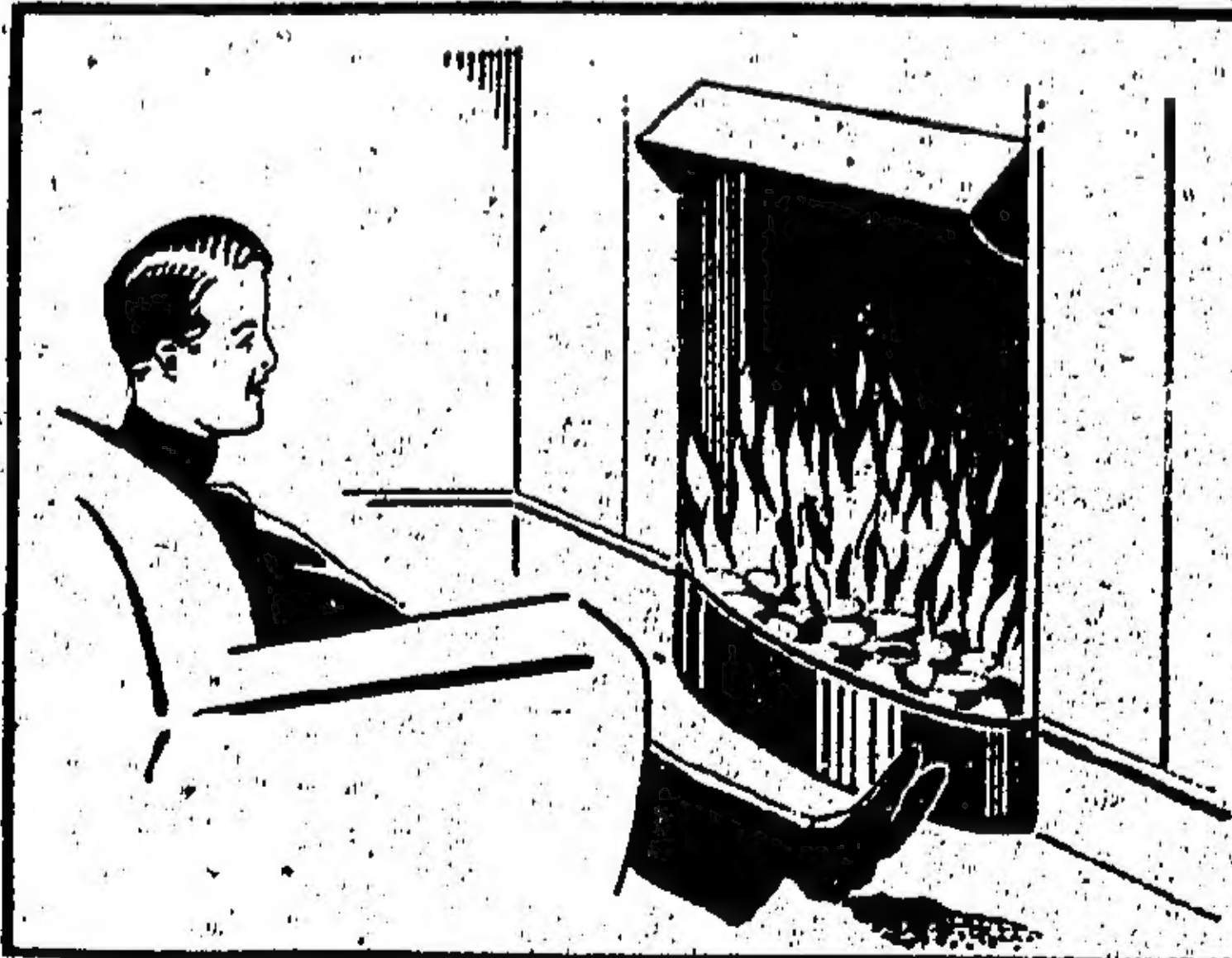
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Appeal By Commissioner Of Prisons On Behalf Of The Salvation Army

A broadcast appeal for funds for the Salvation Army was given over Z.B.W. last night by Major J. L. Willocks, D.S.O., M.C., Commissioner of Prisons for Hongkong.

Major Willocks gave an interesting description of the work being done by the Salvation Army in Hongkong and Canton, and it is a fact worthy of note that in the latter city, last year, the Salvation Army supplied more than 1,000,000 meals, both in the city itself and in refugee camps.

The appeal follows:—

If ever there was a difficult time to ask for money this is it. Apart from the several charities to which many people so generously subscribe, we are now called upon to dig deep in our pockets because we are at war and will, doubtless, have to dig deeper still as time goes on.

But this appeal for funds, which I have been asked to make on behalf of the Salvation Army, is for a cause so great and so worthy of support that I am encouraged to think that, in spite of the difficult days we are now passing through or perhaps, even, because of them, I shall not ask in vain from many of you who are listening-in tonight.

Wars only increase the work and responsibilities of the Salvation Army, which itself is always at war—at war with evil, with poverty, with dirt, disease, degradation, and despair. And now, from the Maginot Line to the far flung borders of China, its servants are carrying on their splendid work of helping men, women and children who are down to climb back to a life of self-respect and cleanliness of mind and body.

Most of us hate statistics, but let me give you just a few figures, to indicate to you the work the Salvation Army has done in H.K. and Canton during 1939:—

HONGKONG

Approximately 285,000 bowls of hot food, consisting of rice, meat, egg and bean curd, were distributed to needy people, whilst 900 bowls of milk were given to undernourished children.

At Wanchai they have a free day school for 300 pupils who would otherwise not be able to attend school.

The Home for Women and Girls at Kowloon is full to overflowing having now 80 inmates, these are divided as follows:—

Remand Home for young girls sent by the Magistrates.

Girls sent by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and others.

Young girls taken from lives of prostitution.

Very young children.

There are three centres in Hongkong and Kowloon where Mission meetings are held from which Officers visit the homes of the people.

CANTON

Work has been restricted by the existing circumstances, but the following figures will give some idea of what has been accomplished.

Meals supplied in the City 182,713.

Meals supplied in Refugee Camps 893,185.

Clothing distributed 11,977 garments.

Milk to children 11,936 bowls.

Medical work-clinic cases 20,795.

Inoculations 5,096.

Hospital patients 1,495.

Milk-special cases 995 tins.

When the Refugee Camps began to empty, it was found that there were many boys and girls either left behind or who were definitely orphans. Something had to be done with these children and it was decided that the Salvation Army should take the boys and start a Vocational Training Centre.

This is now in full swing and has 54 boys being trained in shoe-making, carpentry and house-decorating; also poultry farming is being started, but until further funds are forthcoming many boys, still waiting to be taken in, will not be able to enter the scheme.

MANY BABIES

There were also many babies left at the gate of the Refugee Camp. These were taken in and a home for abandoned babies was opened. There are now 22 babies being cared for in this home.

There are also upwards of 100 children receiving a free education.

Can you, after hearing that splendid record for last year, say to yourself: "It's all very well, but what with one thing and another and a war on I simply can't afford to send them anything this year?" Don't say that. Cut down your usual donation if you must, but don't send nothing; or, if you

have never given before, start now, it doesn't matter how small a sum it is, and feel that you have contributed your little bit to this vital work in 1940.

But, maybe, there are one or two of my listeners who would not be crippled by a gift of, say, a thousand dollars, even on top of all they are doing in other directions.

Can we hope for just one cheque for a thousand dollars, I wonder? The total amount we are aiming at is \$10,000—so your big cheque will help enormously.

Please make cheques payable to the Salvation Army and send them to No. 2 Embankment Road, Kowloon, or contributions may be handed to the Salvation Army's authorised collectors.

To the harassed Prison Officer in many parts of the Empire the men and women on the staff of the Salvation Army come as a God-send. The Prison officer knows only too well that all his efforts will be wasted if the released prisoner is allowed just to drift and so drift back into crime.

UPRIGHT WORKERS

But with the help of the earnest and upright workers of the Salvation Army the released prisoner is given a chance to start again and many men and women are thus rescued from the appalling life of the habitual criminal.

Need I say more in my efforts to show you how worthy of your support this work is? Not a cent of your money will be wasted. The officers of the Salvation Army are adepts at making one cent do the work of two.

As the General Secretary says in his written appeal for 1940:—"It is the lot of the Salvation Army to deal with social problems at all times and in all parts of the world, whether individual distress or national catastrophe, and always in the name of the world's greatest benefactor, Jesus Christ." Please send your contributions to the Salvation Army, No. 2 Embankment Road, Kowloon—or they may be handed to the Army's authorised collectors.

Do decide now what sum you can afford to give, and please don't change your mind.

THREE WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

The following were married yesterday at the Registry, Supreme Court, before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages:—

Mr. She Shiu-choy, manager of the China National Aviation Corporation branch at Kweilin, Kwangsi, and Miss Bin Shun-teck, of No. 12 Essex Crescent;

Mr. Chung Wing-yue, teacher, of No. 88 Leichikok Road, and Miss Lee Sau-fong, teacher, of No. 195 Kilong Street;

Mr. Wong King-lai, of No. 288 Lockhart Road, and Miss Chan Fuen-mei, of No. 15D Wellington Street.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The forthcoming marriages are announced of Mr. Ernest Kenneth Abbas, clerk, of No. 21 Kai Tak Road, and Miss Jessie Magdalene Quinn, of No. 21 Hau Wong Road, and Mr. Nations Chen, sub-manager of the Hongkong China Products Co., and Miss Chow Wal-chun, of No. 141 Jaffe Road, third floor.

INDECENT ASSAULT ALLEGED

Hearing of the case against Joseph Alexander Renee Turcotte, 33, described as a religious student, will be commenced before Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon Court on Wednesday morning.

Defendant is charged with indecent assault, the charge being brought against him following an alleged incident at the Trocadero Hotel on March 22. Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios will represent Turcotte.

HISTORICAL MYTH OF EUROPE

The Rev. W. P. MacDonagh, S.J., delivered the first of a series of interesting lectures on the Catholic viewpoint of history, at St. Patrick's Hall, Garden Road, yesterday evening.

The Rev. G. Byrne, S.J., presided and the meeting was well attended.

"POISONED WELLS"

The title of the Rev. MacDonagh's lecture yesterday was "Poisoned Wells."

He said that during the last three hundred years, a vast historical myth had been built up so that it was impossible today to get at the truth about the past of Europe.

"Official" history, said the speaker, had been built around the progress and personal autonomy which originated at the time of the Renaissance and reached full maturity in the liberal and evolutionary theories of the nineteenth century.

CHURCH ATTACKED

The speaker referred in this connexion to the fact that the Catholic Church had become the target of sustained attack and as the Church was the inspiration of European civilization, the real history of Europe had been disguised and distorted.

The speaker went on to charge a number of historical writers with being responsible for creating this myth—Fox, Gibbon, Troude, Macaulay, Wells and Fisher being mentioned as authors who—whether part or present—should not be taken seriously as historians.

Protesting against this "conspiracy against truth," the Rev. MacDonagh appeal for a scientific presentation of the facts and an unprejudiced interpretation of them.

DONATIONS

B.W.O. FUND

The following is a list of subscriptions received to date for credit of The British War Organisation Fund, Hongkong Branch:—

Previously Acknowledged \$436.304; Kwan Tye Tobacco Agency \$100; H.R. Forsyth \$250; 1st Kowloon Co. (Central British School) Girl Guides and Brownie Pack—Bridge and Mahjong Drive \$120; Raffle Organised by Chanticleer Restaurant \$300; P.B. Winter (Monthly) \$100; A. Whitaker (Monthly) \$5; S.W.P. Perry (Monthly) \$25; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alabaster (Monthly) \$50; European and Chinese Staff—E.K. and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd.—Feb. \$920; Kai Tak Air Port Dance—Sale of Programmes \$38; Fun Keong Rubber Mfg. Co.—Feb. \$200; R.E. Officers (Quarterly) \$75; A.C. Wilcox (March) \$25; H.K. Chinese Women's Soldiers Relief Assn. \$2,355.22; Mr. and Mrs. J. Ring \$10; Misses Aileen and Doris Woods (Monthly) \$10; Portuguese Staff—Hongkong Bank (Monthly) \$50; Wallace Harper and Co. Ltd. Junior Staff \$20; W.J. Knight (Monthly) \$10; Three Members European Staff Tai Kok Sugar Co. April \$25; Kowloon Golf Club \$250; J. Finnie (Monthly) \$50; D. B. Bone (Monthly) \$15; D. Peoples (Monthly) \$10; J. J. Whyte \$5; Some Members of the European Staff—Butterfield and Swire (March) \$297; S. H. Kent (Monthly) \$10. Total: \$441,627.22.

H.K. ANTI-T.B. ASSOCIATION

The Hongkong Anti-Tuberculosis Association gratefully acknowledges the following donations and subscriptions:

Hon. Mr. J. J. Patterson \$100; Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell \$100; Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke \$100; Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo \$100; Mrs. M. K. Lo \$100; Mr. M. W. Lo \$100; Mrs. Edna B. Ho \$100; Dr. Li Shu Fan \$100; Sir Robert Ho Tung \$100; Mr. Ngan Shing Kwan \$100.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

Dr. P. Wilkinson \$5; Prof. R. C. Robertson \$5; Mr. Tan \$5; Mr. A. Pollard \$5; Dr. N. C. Macleod \$5; Mr. A. P. Glanville \$5; Miss (Dr.) P. Rutledge \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Horace Lo \$10; Mr. and Mrs. H. Sande \$20; Mr. J. J. Gregory \$5.

Aziz Khan, 29, private watchman, was fined \$10 by Mr. Q.A.A. Macfadyen at Kowloon Court yesterday on being found guilty of possessing a dagger without a licence. Defendant stated he had obtained the weapon from a Norwegian sailor.

Full Court Dismisses Appeal

MAN TO SERVE LIFE TERM

An appeal against sentence, brought in the Full Court yesterday, before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell and Mr. Justice J. A. Fraser, by Tsang Sang, who was charged at the August Criminal Sessions with armed robbery and shooting with intent, found guilty and imprisoned for life by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, was dismissed.

Tsang was not legally represented, Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, being for the Crown. Appellant argued that the two men who were charged with him were sentenced only to four and ten years' hard labour, respectively, and assured the Court that if his sentence was reduced he would not commit any offence after his release.

Mr. Justice Lindell referred to Tsang's criminal record, which dated back to 1929.

"It seems to us," he said, "that you were very lucky in not having had to stand trial for murder. You committed a most brazen armed robbery in broad daylight and got away with considerable booty. You appeared to be one of those who fired at the constable and when you were run to earth you fired both at Sergeant Pope and Constable C354. Further, when you were arrested you were found to be in possession of no less than 53 rounds of ammunition."

WAS BANISHED

"Your record is also exceedingly bad. In 1929 you were sentenced to three years for robbery in consequence of which you were banished for ten years. You were found in the Colony again in 1934 and the Police have very good reason to believe you took part in another robbery at that time. In January, 1936 you were arrested for possession of arms and for that charge and also for breach of the deportation order you were sentenced to one and three years respectively. You were then banished for life. Until a month before the crime in respect of which you are appealing you were up before the Court for breach of the banishment order and sentenced to four years. You took advantage of the clemency of the Government in releasing you almost immediately by committing this villainous robbery."

"As regards your co-defendants, they had no criminal record. We are therefore of the opinion that your appeal should be dismissed."

Tsang was one of several arrested in connection with the armed robbery at a goldsmith's shop in Shanghai Street on May 30 last. The robbers were caught after a spectacular chase and gun duel in the course of which a woman passer-by was shot dead and a Chinese detective was wounded.

PAINTER IN COURT

Sentences totalling six months' hard labour were imposed on Hong Tung-chol, 19, painter formerly employed by the R. A. S. C. Depot, when he appeared before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday and was found guilty on five charges of obtaining money by false pretences.

Hong was originally charged on six counts, but Detective-Sergeant Bentley, who prosecuted, applied for, and was granted permission to withdraw one of the charges.

The defendant obtained various sums of money, totalling \$157, from six persons, by pretending that he was in a position to obtain employment for his victims in the R. A. S. C. Depot.

FALSE PRETENCES CHARGE

Appearing before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday, charged with obtaining money by false pretences, Charles Onslow, 40, unemployed, was remanded for 48 hours for further inquiries.

Onslow was alleged to have obtained the sum of \$30 from Leung Cheuk, 41, master of a fish stall at Central Market, by pretending that he was sent there to collect the money by one Mr. Taylor of the Imports and Exports Department.

TOWELS! TOWELS! TOWELS!

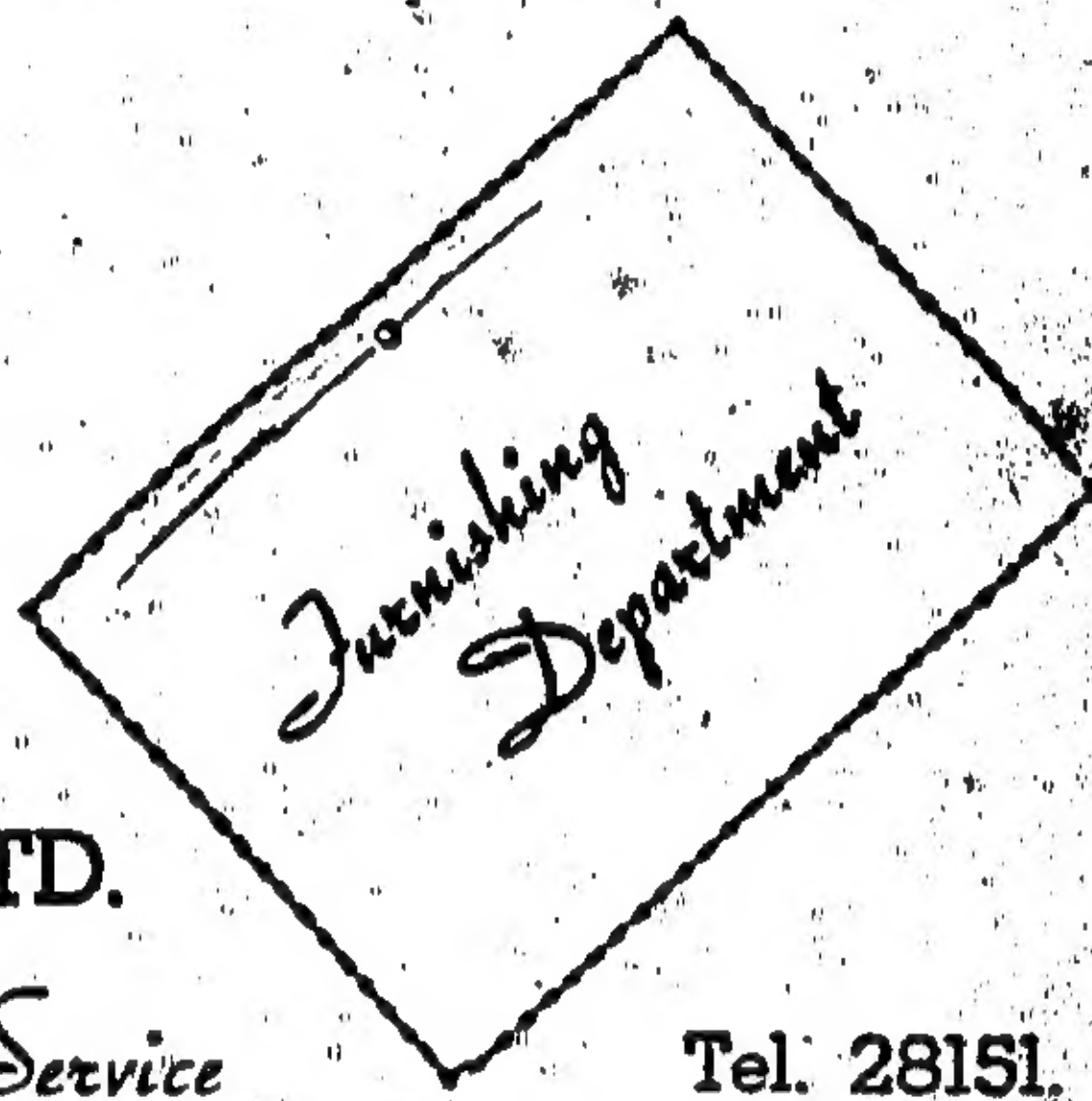
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Lecturing before the H.K.U. Science Society, today at 8.30 p.m. in Room "K" of the Main Building of Hongkong University, will be Mr. P. V. Reveley, B.Sc., Radio Engineer of the Hongkong Government. Of a technical nature, the lecture will be on "Television," to which all interested are invited.

A public lecture on "Industrial Co-operation in China" will be given by Mr. Koh-Nye-Poh on Thursday at 8.30 p.m. in Room "K," Main Building of Hongkong University, before the Law and Commerce Society of the University. The lecture will be illustrated.

An exposition of Mr. Fung Chi-chien's collection of Chinese paintings, under the joint auspices of The Association for the Advancement of Chinese Culture, The Chinese-American Institute of Cultural Relations, and The Sino-British Cultural Association will be held at the Fung Ping Shan Library, the University, on Thursday, April 4, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

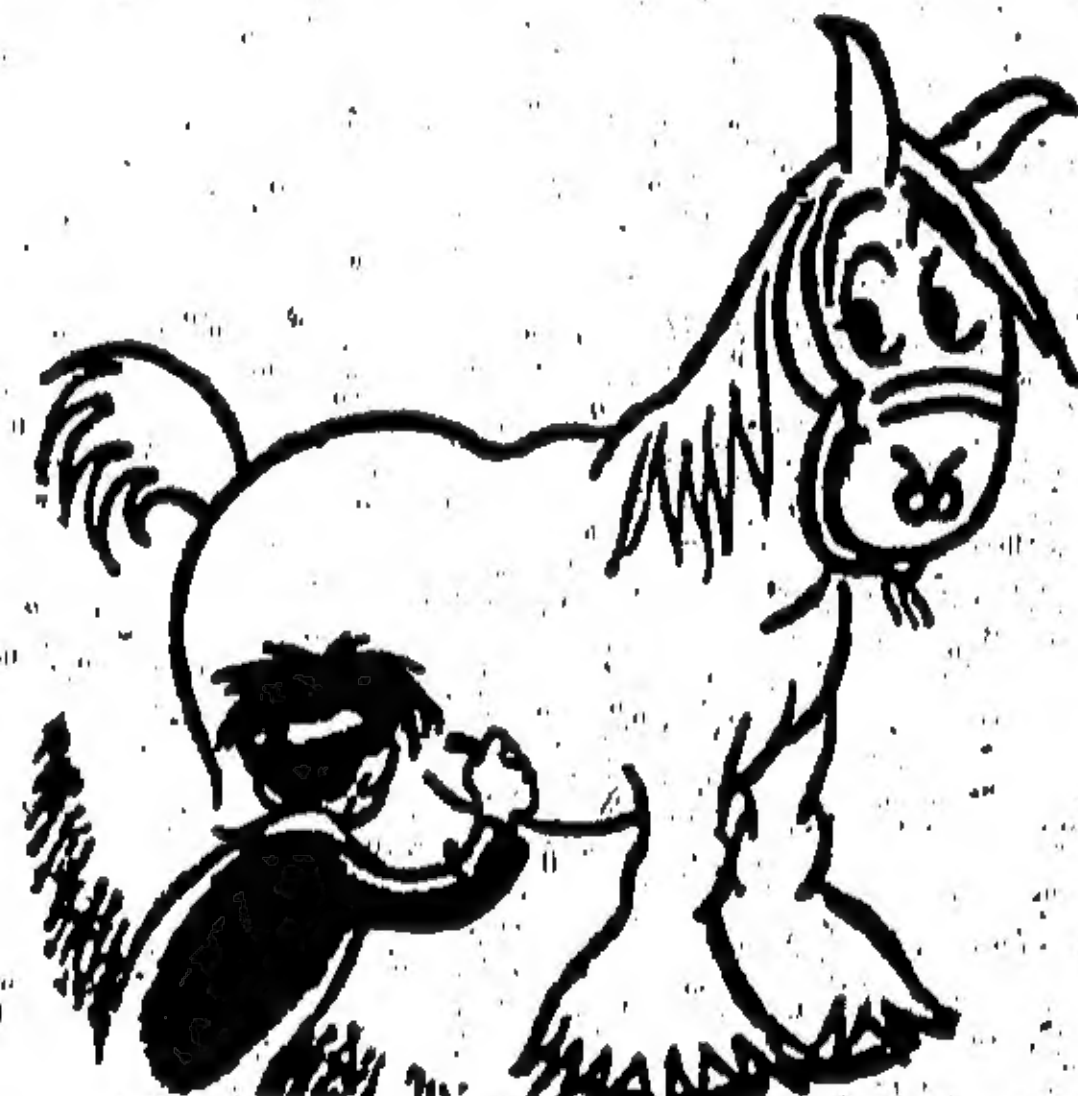
A series of lectures on the Catholic viewpoint of history will be delivered in St. Patrick's Hall, Garden Road, each Monday in April, at 5.30 p.m., by the Rev. W. P. MacDonagh, S.J., under the chairmanship of the Rev. G. Byrne, S.J. The first of the lectures was delivered yesterday.

The sixth and last meeting of the session of the Hongkong Branch of the English Association will be held today at 5.30 p.m. in the Helena May Institute. His Excellency the Governor will preside and Mr. C. G. Soils will speak on "Grammar."

The Toc H. Kowloon Circle will be holding their first Social and Dance on Tuesday next, April 9, in St. Andrew's Church Hall, from 8.30 p.m. to 12.30 p.m. Proceeds will be sent to Toc H. Incorporated, London, to be used for the provision of comforts for men serving with the British Forces in France.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. S. W. CHENG is no longer connected with The Macao Jockey Club.

F. J. GELLION,
Chairman.

Hong Kong, 1st April, 1940.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Thirty-fifth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Building, on Monday, the 22nd April, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 6th April to 22nd April, 1940, both days inclusive.

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The Seventy-first Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Thursday, the 4th April, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st March, to the 4th April, 1940, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 14th March, 1940.

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Gunner Leslie Buckley, R.A., appeared before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Court yesterday on a charge of assault.

He was found guilty and was bound over in the sum of \$25 for 12 months.

The complainant, Pau Po-yu, a stall-keeper, said she was selling oranges on Saturday when the defendant came up and took two oranges from her stall. She asked for their return and the defendant struck her across the mouth. She repeated her request and was again assaulted. She followed the defendant as he made off with the oranges.

Her son blew the police whistle and an Indian constable came and arrested the defendant.

Buckley was also ordered to pay \$5 compensation.

LONDON, Mar. 31 (Havas)—Official circles categorically deny rumours that Sir William Seeds, at present on leave in Britain, will soon resume his duties as Ambassador in Moscow.

The Daily Press
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HONGKONG, APRIL 2, 1940

Britain, Wang
And China

FOLLOWING what can only be described as the ill-considered speech made by the British Envoy in Tokyo when he attempted to make out that a change in British policy towards Japan was to be expected—an impression which has been strenuously denied in British official quarters—Reuter appears to have been lured into committing the same unfortunate error in giving publicity to a totally misconceived view as expressed by a political correspondent of the Daily Express, in connexion with the British attitude towards the Wang regime. This writer, no doubt taking his cue from Sir Robert Craigie, hastily jumped to the conclusion that British policy would not be hostile towards the puppet administration which was set up in the North over the last week-end.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT has repeatedly, and in strong terms, defined its attitude towards the developments in China and has based its opposition to according any support to the make-shift set-up in Nanking on two fundamental considerations—firstly, the insecurity to British interests which the puppet authority will entail and, secondly, that it is for the Chinese themselves to choose their own government instead of having any pseudo-administration foisted on them by those in the pay of their aggressors. For any political writer, therefore, to assume that there will be cordiality in the dealings with those British interests, which are compelled, by circumstances, to come into contact with the renegade authorities in North China is foolish and shows a complete ignorance of the principles for which Britain has always stood in the Far East conflict.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, along with the rest of the world, would undoubtedly be glad to see an end of the present hostilities in China, hostilities which have dragged on now for close on three years with no appreciable gain whatever to the aggressors and with an undoubted strengthening of the Chinese will to resist. There is every reason to believe, therefore, that the British Government will co-operate towards bringing about a termination of the conflict, but—here the political writer quoted by Reuter struck the only correct note in his summing up of the developments—such a termination of the hostilities here must be on "Fair Terms." The expression has only one meaning which can be placed on it. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has throughout the troubled times which China has been experiencing during three years of war unflinchingly declared that there can only be peace between China and Japan when the invaders have completely withdrawn from her territories, restored her sovereign rights in those areas which they have usurped by wanton aggression and recognised her independence and integrity. Until these conditions are fulfilled then, the Chinese will defend their war-ravaged land, much as they too, long for peace and rest from the strife which has been brought to their shores by an over-ambitious Japanese imperialism.

AFTER A SERIES of protracted delays, which have

FIRST H.K. AND CHINESE
GIRL TO BE TELEVISED—
MISS AI-LIEN TAI

THE DISTINCTION OF BEING THE FIRST HONGKONG GIRL—AND THE FIRST CHINESE—to be televised belongs to Miss Ai-lien Tai, who, after studying dancing and giving performances in England and Europe for the past nine years, has gained a very high reputation for her interpretative Chinese dances.

Miss Tai first appeared in a television programme at the B.B.C. in 1933 together with Auguste Forst and Frank Drew, and early last year was chosen to represent Hongkong in an Empire television programme.



MISS AI-LIEN TAI

Recently returned to Hongkong Miss Tai proposes to record by means of the new methods of "dance writing" the movements of the Chinese classical dances and also to compose a number of dances interpreting the spirit of Modern China.

DEVOTED TO ART

Whilst in England, besides assisting at numerous concerts in aid of Chinese charities organized by the China Campaign Committee, Miss Tai devoted herself to her art seriously. An appreciation of her displays drew from the art critic of the New Statesman and Nation the following: "The evening's reward was Ai-lien Tai. To what seemed a plaintive Tartar melody, she danced before her seventh century emperor, a strange meditative 'inward' dance, humming the tune to herself and making classical and exquisite gestures with her long sleeves and her hands. To see her was to participate, for a moment, in the exaltation of good art of whatever country and century."

DANCES OF PEOPLE

After obtaining a foundation in the classical ballet, Miss Tai found her genre in the dances of her people, and it is with the view of developing herself that she has returned to China. Before leaving England, she was dance composer at the Embassy and Mask Theatres, a member of the Ernest and Lotte Berk Group, and of the Dance Centre in London.

Incidentally, the art of dancing, on its theoretical side, was making steady progress in England, and as a result of the efforts of enthusiasts the celebrated Dartington Hall Trustees awarded exhibitions and scholarships to dancers of outstanding merit. Miss Tai spent a year at Dartington Hall as a member of the Jooss Ballet for study under their leading teachers Jooss and Leder.

It is learned that Miss Tai may shortly appear in a display locally.

LETTER CARRIER
CAUGHT

A fine of \$20 was imposed on Tam Chuen, 48, a travelling trader, when he pleaded guilty before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday to a charge of breach of the Defence Regulations.

Tam was found in possession of 12 letters for conveying out of the Colony by means other than through the General Post Office, when he was searched at the Tung On Wharf, Connaught Road Central on Sunday.

Men with the B. E. F. may have a "flutter" by telegram on a racehorse in England under the scheme of telegrams to and from the B. E. F. The decision would rest with a man's commanding officer and the telegram censorship.

MISCONCEIVED
OPINION

LONDON, April 1 (Reuter)—The Daily Express political correspondent says that the British Government would not withdraw its diplomatic recognition of the Chiang Kai-shek Government nor give recognition to the Wang Ching-wei "Government," but this does not mean that there will be hostility towards the latter and if there is any prospect of a move which may end the Sino-Japanese conflict on fair terms British diplomats will co-operate.

It is regarded as possible that establishment of the new "government" will soon lead to peace moves by Japan.

only made clear to the world the palpable weakness of the newly-established puppet rule in the North, Wang and his plotters, who hold patriotism so cheaply, have established themselves. The inauguration was disappointingly—to them—lacking in enthusiasm and time will undoubtedly show what reward is in store for perfidy of those who have so lightly forsaken their country's cause. The views of the writer in the Daily Express is that the inauguration of the puppet administration will be followed by peace moves by Japan. If these peace moves, when they are made, are to have any effect and if they are to be acceptable to the Chinese Government and the Chinese people, who have rallied to their leader's call, they must be unconditional of any attempts to impose Japanese influence in any form in China—these are the only peace terms which the Chinese Government will be prepared to meet from Nippon.

Sir Walter
Monckton On
Censor's Aim

Sir Walter Monckton, Director-General of the Press and Censorship Bureau, recently expressed his appreciation of the friendly relations he had with the Press. Speaking at a luncheon of the Incorporated Society of British Advertisers in London, he said: "If I had not got the friendliest relations with the Press they could make a fool of me every day and every night, pillow me in every paper and have me out in a week—not that I would mind going back to the Bar in some ways—but they do not."

Explaining why weather reports are banned, he said: "I have had a good deal of correspondence about hiding the fact that the sun has been shining so warmly during this last month that we have all taken our coats off and are walking about in our shirt-sleeves."

"I am advised by the department concerned that, if you give information about the weather in this country for some days on end, for a considerable period after that, it may be five days or a little more, an intelligent meteorological expert can forecast with reasonable accuracy what the weather is likely to be in the days that follow."

KEEPING ENEMY GUESSING

"My job now is to see to it that, while I ensure and permit people to speak the truth as they see it, they leave out just those things which the enemy want to know."

"We sit there not to prevent people saying what they want to say, not to interfere between the public and the truth, but to provide an ally which every honest and patriotic Pressman welcomes. We are there to help the public to get the truth and to help the Press to do their patriotic duty of giving the truth to the public without danger to the State." "People have complained to me that it is a strange thing that the



Group photograph taken after the first communion and confirmation at St. Teresa's Church, Kowloon Tong, on Sunday morning. Seated, third from left in the front row, is the Right Rev. H. Valtorta, Vicar-Apostolic of Hongkong.

OUT OF THE
FRYING PANTrials Ahead
For Yonai

TOKYO, Apr. 1 (Reuter)—The Yonai Cabinet, which has successfully passed through the Diet, is now expected to devote its full capacity to the execution of its promised policies along the lines of settlement of the China Incident.

The political ability of the Cabinet, according to observers, is expected to be indicated in connection with the compilation of the Working Budget for the 1940-41 financial year, about April or May.

OBJECTION EXPECTED

Among the major political matters confronting the Government are, firstly the extension of recognition to the Wang Ching-wei "regime," secondly, the adjustment of relations with third powers interested in China; and thirdly, the perfection of Japan's wartime economic system.

Objection to the compilation of the Working Budget is expected from some quarters and there is the likelihood that the Government will face some serious political difficulty in compiling it.

It is even admitted that the question will be the deciding factor in the fate of the Cabinet.

Dr. Li Hsueh-hang has been selected by the Hongkong Branch of the Chinese Medical Association to attend the fifth national conference of the Association at Kunming from April 2 to 4.

MAJOR TRYON

Contrary to reports circulating in London, no immediate changes in Government personnel are expected.

Rumours that Major Tryon, Postmaster-General, will resign are without foundation. None of the Junior Ministers will be moved, according to present plans.

The question of the appointment of a Minister to co-ordinate the economic side of the national war effort cannot, however, be dismissed. The advisability of such an appointment is not ruled out, since circumstances may arise which would make the present system of committees for economic co-ordination inadequate.

In well-informed political circles the name of Mr. Amery is mentioned as a probable choice if the Prime Minister should decide to appoint a Minister.

Parents whose sons are wounded in action with the B. E. F. will be taken to France to see the men in the hospitals behind the battle lines. Already a special "parents' hotel" has been reserved at the base for the visitors by the British Red Cross, who are organising the scheme.

A sentry at an anti-aircraft battery in East London fired at a man who ran away when challenged. Police are satisfied that the man was not associated with the I. R. A.

Germans always have the news first. They do have some thing first, but when a communique comes out from one of our Departments of State, I may complain that it is slow, but I have seldom had to complain that it was not true.

"We must bear with a little slowness so that what the world gets from us can be relied upon as representing the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

TWO-YEAR PLAN FOR
AN ALLIED VICTORY

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter)—A two-year plan for victory is given by the Economist which says that three things are needed—an anvil, a fire and a hammer.

The anvil is the Allied blockade, the fire is the propaganda in the cause of truth and the hammer the military force with which, when the time comes, we can strike.

All these are in existence and the proposed plan does not involve any drastic changes in course but it does require more ruthlessness in the blockade, more energetic mobilisation of our resources and that the peoples of the world should be told that inactivity does not mean impotence, caution or cowardice. It should be stressed that "we have a plan," the progress of which should be made public month by month so that we have an anchor for our hopes and the Nazis may see the steady approach of their end.

The paper makes a number of suggestions in connection with the democratic advances, some of which may have to be held up during war time but which should nevertheless be planned now for peace.

"BRAINS WILL WIN" Colonel Wedgwood, the Labour M.P., expressed it as his "opinion that brains can win the war. He says he believes this will be a long war in the course of which we will sit down and watch each other. It will be won, not entirely by men and machines, but by wits, new ideas and criticism which has a freer play in a free country than in a dictatorship state."

This recalls the recent statement of Mr. Lloyd George that the last war was won by criticism.

Gas For Vehicles Unrationed On the committee stage of the Gas and Steam Vehicles (Excise Duties) Bill Mr. Ellis Smith moved a number of amendments designed to reduce the duty on vehicles converted to use home-produced fuel, in the House of Commons.

He submitted that the Ministry of Transport was discouraging rather than encouraging the use of producer-gas propelled vehicles. Pressure was being brought on firms to send their goods by rail rather than by road. Omnibuses in the provincial areas ought to be converted to the use of producer gas so that better services could be provided at a time when petrol was rationed.

Mr. Bernays, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Transport, said that the Government and those supporting the amendments had the same objective of encouraging the use of producer-gas as an alternative fuel for transport. The amendments sought to provide further tax concessions for users of producer-gas.

FIRMS' RESPONSE It would be impossible in these days for the Chancellor of the Exchequer to take action which would deprive him of a substantial amount of revenue. One great inducement to conversion to gas propulsion would be the fact that the fuel would be unrationed. He believed that the opportunity would be seized by both hands.

"I am informed by the Ministry of Mines," said Mr. Bernays, "that there have already been 450 inquiries about this new apparatus, and the Department have reason to believe that some 20 firms have

already decided on manufacture. These facts show that manufacturers are ready to respond to the needs of the situation and that already we are in sight of achieving a very real increase in the production of gas-propelled vehicles, which is the objective of both sides of the House."

Answering a question, Mr. Bernays said, "There is no intention of the Government to ration coal in this connection."

The committee stage was concluded.

Hungarian
Premier On
Final PeaceRECENT VISIT
TO ROME

BUDAPEST, Apr. 1 (Reuter)—Hungary will continue to regard it as her duty to set an example in serving European interests, said Count Teleki, Hungarian Prime Minister, on his return today from a visit to Rome.

Despite the strictly private character of his journey, declared Count Teleki, it was only natural that he should meet Signor Mussolini and Count Ciano. It also natural that any new development should not be expected.

His visit had led to new developments in Italian Hungarian friendship which was the outcome of natural conditions and needed no special agreements.

"Relations between Italy and Hungary are based on long-standing co-operation and are stronger than formal undertakings. We must keep two things in view: peace of the moment and the peace to be established at the end of the great European struggle. Let us maintain peace of the moment for it would be harmful to extend the European conflict. This is, at the present time, to the common interest of European countries."

TRUE CONCEPTION "As for the final peace all nations which have a true conception of their mission in the community of European life should tend towards peace which would bring injustices to an end and which would enable European people to live loyally together."

"We must not judge events by their value of the moment but from the point of view of general settlement by which means we hope to ensure for people lasting peace, satisfaction and the means of prosperity."

Count Teleki said he was deeply touched by the sincere affection the Pope showed for the Hungarian nation.

DONATION FOR
DUGOUT

CHUNGKING, Apr. 1 (Central)—Mr. Nelson Johnson, United States Ambassador to China, has donated a sum of \$500 for the construction of common people's air raid shelters in Chungking. The money was sent to the Chungking City Government under a letter to Dr. Wu Kuo-cheng, Mayor of Chungking, who has acknowledged receipt with thanks.

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"IF YOU WANT TO LIE AND BE BELIEVED"

B.B.C. Observer Sums Up Nazi Efforts At Propaganda

LONDON, April 1 (Reuter)—During March there has been an interesting thing about Nazi propaganda, says the B.B.C. observer, presenting the monthly review of Nazi propaganda.

Dr. Goebbels' Propaganda Ministry is now trying hard to make people believe in its truthfulness. There are signs that Dr. Goebbels is disturbed by reactions to the fantastic Nazi claims at the beginning of the war in connection, for instance, with the Graf Spee battle—which the Germans first claimed as a great victory—and the repeated sinking of the Ark Royal.

These false claims have left their mark. The Germans are now trying to re-establish their reputation even to the extent of apparently frankly admitting their own losses. These admissions are not necessarily truthful but they have admitted the loss of one plane almost as soon as the Air Ministry has announced it in London.

False Claims Leave Their Mark

The idea is to create an impression of frankness, but things slipped badly over the Nazi raid on Scapa Flow and the R.A.F. raid on Sylt.

Take the case of Scapa Flow. London announced that one warship was damaged, not seriously. It was not a capital ship. There were seven naval casualties and eight civilian casualties.

The Germans claimed that they had seriously damaged three battleships and one cruiser, and probably damaged more warships.

You may believe that if you like. One or two American papers did, but please remember the precise claims—one fifth of the total capital ships of the Royal Navy. The future will show how much reliability there is in German news accounts.

"SLIDING LADDER" SCALE

Take the R.A.F. raid on Sylt. The Germans first announced that a British plane was shot down. This, according to London was the true figure. But old habits got the better of Dr. Goebbels' propaganda boys and they raised the figure to three, eventually stepping it up to six.

In connection with this escalator principle, it should be relative. The Nazis will have won one half of the fight if they can persuade the world that the Allied news is not reliable.

There has been another interesting phase in the accusation of the B.B.C. and the British press of saying something they did not say and then proving that it is false.

For instance, the German broadcast to South America in Spanish at 3 a.m. on Saturday, March 30, alleged that the B.B.C. had stated that Wednesday and Thursday had been the most successful days for English aviation since six or seven German planes and an enemy patrol vessel had been destroyed.

INEFFICIENT STAFF

The German announcer continued that by claiming this the B.B.C. had refuted its own statements about the raids on Sylt, Kiel and Wilhelmshaven. He was quite right except that the B.B.C. never made the statement, attributed to it by the German radio.

Either the Propaganda Ministry has an inefficient staff taking down the B.B.C. broadcasts or else it invented the statement.

It will be noticed that the German broadcast did not say at what time the B.B.C. was supposed to have made the statement or what language was used.

NO SECRET STATIONS

With regard to the British Press, Hans Frischer, who broadcasts to the German people in order to keep up their faith in the Propaganda Ministry, last Tuesday said that the British paper, "Sunday Express," had admitted in big type that it had now become known that 32 German planes had been destroyed on the ground by British bombers on the raid on Sylt.

Herr Frischer went on to elaborate. He told his audience which, of course, is not allowed to read the "Sunday Express,"

that this news report had been based on information from a German eye-witness broadcasting from a secret station in Germany. Herr Frischer denied that any such secret transmitter was in operation.

The real point, however, is that the "Sunday Express" did not say anything of the kind. It had only one story about Sylt and that was about the British enterprise which had built a railway across the Hindenburg Dam.

On Friday, March 29, nearly every German broadcast gave a story purporting to have appeared in the "Daily Mail" that British pilots had been questioned by a court-martial for making false reports of their success.

HITLER'S CREED

On Saturday, March 30, "Daily Mail" promptly came out with this notice: "This notice places on record the following facts: No such story had ever appeared in the 'Daily Mail.' Nothing remotely resembling it had ever appeared in the 'Daily Mail.' The 'Daily Mail' has learned on the highest authority that no court-martial of this description has ever been held."

There can be no question here of the Germans being badly misinformed. They simply made the story up and planted it on the "Daily Mail."

These aspects of the campaign make the world believe the Nazi account of the war rather than the Allied version. It is worth remembering Hitler's creed: "If you want to lie and be believed, you must make it a big one."

FRESH TRIAL ORDERED

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that the police officer's statement was absolutely prejudicial to the defendant in British law.

JURY DISCHARGED

His Lordship ordered that there should be a new trial, Lam Cheung-hing to be brought up at the April Criminal Sessions. His Lordship then discharged the jury, consisting of Messrs. T. J. M. Beattie (foreman), F. E. Silva, J. N. Wong, J. E. Rocha, P. L. L. Biau, Leung Shu-ying and W. C. Ogley, and after thanking them for their attention to the case, granted them exemption from jury service for the next 12 months.

Outlining the case, in his opening address, Mr. Murphy said accused and deceased were clansmen and at one time lived together at No. 8 Gilles Avenue, where accused had a bean sprouts and bean curd stall. They had been on very friendly terms.

The murder arose out of what appeared to be a trivial quarrel over accused's stock-in-trade.

It was found that deceased had 14 stab wounds, including three deep ones. Death was due to the wounds and haemorrhage.

Accused was arrested and when formally charged, he made a long statement to the effect: "that deceased had hired assassins to kill him and had struck him first with a knife."

NO RETURN TO NANKING UNTIL WAR IS WON

CHUNGKING, April 1 (Central)—"The time for the Government to return to Nanking will be when all Japanese invaders are driven from the country and when final victory is ours, and no sooner," declared a spokesman of the National Government in an interview yesterday, referring to Wang Ching-wei's puppet regime and his "Return to Nanking" claim.

The spokesman pointed out that the removal of China's capital from Nanking to Chungking was adopted to carry out the national policy of long-term resistance and was announced to the entire people on November 20, 1937.

As the nation's sovereignty stands above all, and as the Government is the organ for the exercising of administrative powers, it would be absolutely preposterous to say that this could be possible in a Japanese-occupied area under enemy coercion.

FAR EASTERN HEALTH

Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, is very indignant over Wang Ching-wei's farcical claim, the spokesman stated, but it is seen as merely another measure of Japanese aggression that is foredoomed to failure.

As to the Japanese puppets, they have been proscribed by the Government and their crime will be punished by the nation's law.

LOYALTY FLEDGED

CHUNGKING, April 1 (Central)—China's diplomatic representatives abroad have sent a joint telegram to Chairman Lin Sen and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek denouncing Wang Ching-wei.

The telegram reiterates the nation's faith in final victory and declares that Wang's abject surrender and sell-out, couched in the name of "peace," are bitterly resented by all the diplomatic representatives abroad who pledge united support to the entire nation's denunciation of the puppet regime.

FAR EASTERN HEALTH

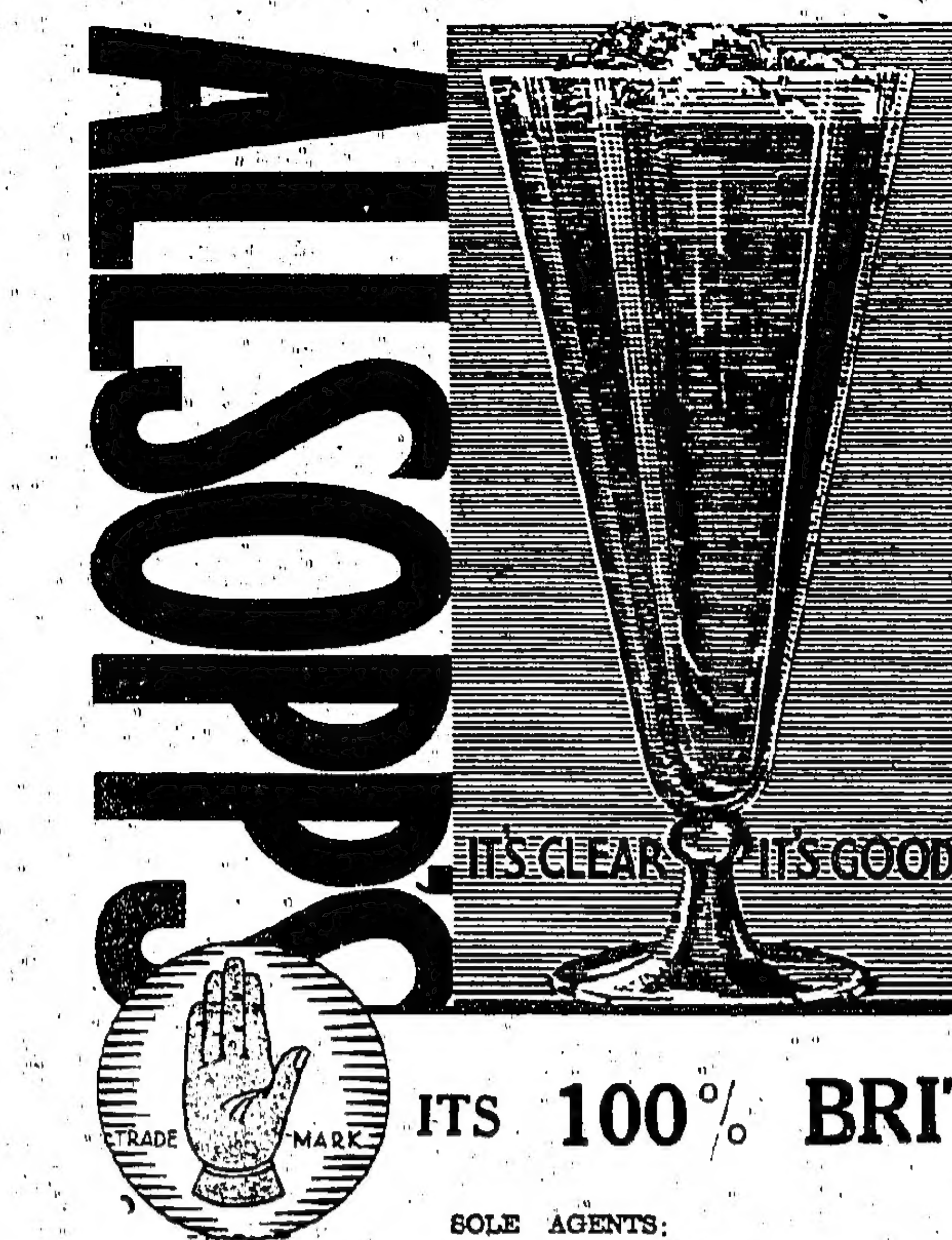
The following is the health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ending March 23:

Plague: Bassel 1 case, Cholera: Allahabad 1 death, Akyab 1 case, Calcutta 65, Rangoon 4, Smallpox: Allahabad 1 death, Cawnpore 6 cases, Delhi 6, Jodhpur 3 deaths, Okha 1 case, Veraval 3, Bombay 38, Calcutta 55, Cochin 17, Madras 3, Hongkong 42, Saigon 1, Macao 24, Hongkong 8, Shanghai 1.

FRENCH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

PARIS, Apr. 1 (Reuter)—The recent meeting of the Supreme War Council, in London was one of the subjects dealt with at this morning's meeting of French Council of Ministers.

This was disclosed in an official communiqué issued after the meeting stating that the Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, gave an account of the results of the London meeting of the Supreme War Council on March 28.



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Wholesale Denunciation Of Wang Ching-wei

CHUNGKING, April 1 (Central)—Following a 48-hour vigilance by the police authorities, Shanghai heaved a sigh of relief to see that the inauguration of Wang Ching-wei's puppet regime in Nanking has brought no serious incidents to both the International Settlement and the French Concession during the weekend.

With the exception of one case, in which Wang Ching-wei's supporters in two motor cars were arrested by the French police for scattering handbills, Shanghai passed last night quietly. The arrested persons include seven men and one woman, who will be arraigned before the court for hearing.

TRAITOR DENOUNCED

Feeling against Wang is still mounting, and thousands of handbills denouncing the traitor were scattered at practically all thoroughfares in the Settlement, the French Concession and the native city.

As the rumours were circulated strict precautionary measures were taken by the police to curb untoward incidents. All streets, except the important thoroughfares, were blocked since Friday, and search parties stationed at strategic points.

British, American and Italian forces and White Russian volunteers assisted the police to maintain order in the International Settlement.

The French police authorities conducted searches in the leading hotels to ensure that no undesirable elements indulge in subversive activities. It is learned that a few arrests were made.

ONE DAY STRIKE

CHUNGKING, April 1 (Central)—A manifesto denouncing Wang Ching-wei has been issued by the Shanghai Vocational Youth's Anti-Wang Ching-wei League.

The manifesto declares that the Chinese people will never capitulate to the Japanese and will continue their life-and-death struggle against them and their puppets.

The manifesto calls for a general strike in the city for one day as an indication to Wang Ching-wei that the people in Shanghai will not be submissive.

CHUNGKING, April 1 (Central)

—The broadcast speech delivered by Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, on the occasion of the Martyrs' Day on March 29, has been recorded in gramophone records. A sound picture of Mr. Lin, during his broadcast, has been made by the China Motion Picture Studio.

The speech, which bitterly attacked Wang Ching-wei, is considered of great historical significance.

"WANG'S TREASON"

PARIS, April 1 (Reuter)—Telegrams scathing "Wang Ching-wei's Treason" were dispatched to Chungking by the Kuomintang Bureau for Europe and the numerous Chinese communities in France.

The telegrams declare that the Chinese residing abroad fully support Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in his struggle until the invader desists from aggression.

ROME REACTION

ROME, April 1 (Reuter)—The Press announces, with evident satisfaction, the inauguration of the Wang "Government," hinting that Italy will be granting the puppets early recognition.

Several papers publish Wang's appeal to Rome for co-operation in the "long and difficult task of reconstruction" with which he is confronted.

Forty-seven cases of tuberculosis, six cases of small-pox, seven cases of chicken-pox (one imported), four cases of enteric fever, six cases of enteric fever, 11 cases of cerebro-spinal fever, and six cases of dysentery were notified to the Health Department as having occurred in the Colony during the 48 hours ended at midnight on March 31.

SKAGER RAK IS JUST AS GOOD AS GERMAN BASE

LONDON, April 1 (Reuter)—Discussing recent events at Skager Rak, the strip of water separating the north tip of Denmark and south Norway—events which included the sinking of the German freighters, Hedderheim and Hugo Edmund Stinnes, by British submarines—the Naval Observer of the B.B.C. said yesterday that one of the most interesting features of this activity was that Skager Rak might justifiably be considered the home base for the Germans.

Discussing the routes of German iron-ore carrying ships, he said that the first part of the trip is easy, being in Norwegian territorial waters, where the enemy is not allowed to operate.

When the ships reach Skager Rak, however, different circumstances prevail. Two routes lie before the ships. The quickest is down the west coast of Denmark to Hamburg, a good port for unloading iron-ore cargoes. It means a dash across Skager Rak with the enemy lurking in the North Sea.

The other route is down the east coast of Denmark. This is almost as good as home waters. The whole journey could be made in neutral and German territorial waters, but the latter part of the journey is more dangerous owing to rocks and other navigational dangers.

CARGOES URGENTLY NEEDED

Knowing that the cargoes are urgently needed, the ships decide to run the risk of making the dash.

RESTRICTIONS ON SHIPPING

STOCKHOLM, April 1 (Reuter)—A new law which comes into force tomorrow forbids all Swedish ships over 350 tons to leave port in future without the permission of the Maritime Commission.

A similar restriction is placed on Swedish freighters between 100 and 350 tons sailing between Sweden and foreign countries as well as freighters below 350 tons sailing between foreign ports.

Churchill Praised

SPEECH MEETS APPROVAL

LONDON, Apr. 1 (Reuter)—Mr. Winston Churchill's speech on Saturday meets the entire approval of newspapers of all shades of opinion. They interpret it to mean that Britain now intends to enforce the blockade with greater firmness.

The "Daily Telegraph" says: "There is no lack of consideration in this country for the difficulties of neutral countries. We know they are under duress, but they have the means of defence in their hands. If small states stood together and refused supplies by which alone Nazism can maintain its strength in arms, they could make themselves secure."

MORAL PARALYSIS

"The first objective of the new Nazi offensive against them is moral paralysis. Weakness will be no defence. If neutral countries prove unequal to safeguarding themselves against the ruin of submission to Nazism, the Allies must ensure that their territory is no longer a means of evasion of the blockade of the Reich."

The "News Chronicle" says that the tone and substance of Mr. Churchill's broadcast were admirable. What Britain wants now is to see the noose of the blockade pulled as tight as it will go.

The "Daily Herald" says that the British people have applauded the Allied declaration and the Churchill broadcast, and now they want to see those pronouncements carried into practical effect. The "Herald" suggests that in a Cabinet reconstruction the public wants men to be chosen for their ability alone, and "most of all, the country wants to see Britain's sea power used ruthlessly to prevent Hitler buying the snags of war."

"The 'Daily Mail' says that the speech was a remarkable warning 'to ourselves and to neutrals.'

VOLUNTEER ORDERS

ORDERS BY LT.-COL. H. B. ROSE, M.C., COMMANDANT,
HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

CORPS ARTILLERY

1ST BATTERY
April 4. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Q.M. Store will be open for issue and change of uniform and equipment

2ND BATTERY

April 4. H.Q. 5 p.m. Right Section and D.E.L. personnel. Rifles to be drawn.

Dress for Wed. and Thurs. parades—S.D. caps and Overalls.
April 7. Peak Range. 9 a.m. Table "A". Range Officer—Lt. K.M.A. Barnett. Uniform—Trousers, K.D. Jacket, K.D. S.D. cap, complete web equipment, lanyard, no bayonet. Great coats to be carried. Peak Tramway vouchers are available on application.

3RD BATTERY

April 4. Belchers. 5.30 p.m. All ranks excluding D.E.L. Personnel. Dress—Overalls, S.D. Caps and G.P. shoes.

April 5. Wellington Bks. 5.15 p.m. D.E.L. personnel. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps.

4TH BATTERY

April 5. Queen's Pier for Pak-shawan. 5.30 p.m. Returning 10 p.m. No. 1 Gun B. C. Staff and D.E.L. Personnel as detailed. Dress—Overalls, S.D. caps, gun platform shoes, waterbottle filled. Haversack rations will be provided.

5TH A.A. BATTERY

April 4. Queen's Pier. 5.15 p.m. No. 1 Section for Lyemun. Dress—Overalls.

April 4. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. No. 2 Section. General drill. Dress—Tunic and slacks.

FIELD COMPANY ENGINEERS
April 4. K.C.R. 5.30 p.m. Technical training by Sections.

CORPS SIGNALS

April 5 Annual Dinner. Dress—Blue patrols or uniform, trousers, S.D. caps, webbing belts.

April 7. Peak Range. All concerned are reminded that Signals Spoon Shoot will be held on this date.

MOBILE COLUMN

Armoured Car Platoon
April 5 H.Q. 5.30 p.m. A. B. & C. Classes. Indication and recognition: mechanism.Motor Machine Gun Platoon
April 5. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. N.C.O.'s Class. Recapitulation.

NO. 1 COMPANY

April 5. H.Q. 5.15 p.m. for Kennedy Road. No. 2 Squad. Remainder. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. as Company programme.

NO. 2 COMPANY

April 4. M.G. Training. (1) No. 6 Platoon. Kowloon Docks. 5.30 p.m. (2) No. 7 Platoon. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.

NO. 4 COMPANY

April 5. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. L.G. I.A. NO. 5 COMPANY

April 11. H.Q. 2 p.m. Parade for Training Exercises.

NO. 7 COMPANY

April 4. H.Q. 5.45 p.m. Respirator drill.

TRANSPORT SECTION

April 4. Kowloon Bus Co's. Garage Castle Peak Road. 5.30 p.m. Lecture. Dress—Mutt. Transport. 5.20 p.m. Star Ferry (Kowloon).

FIELD AMBULANCE

April 5. St. Paul's College. 5.30 p.m. Lecture.

APPOINTMENTS

Gnr. C. T. Choy, 4th Bty., to be L/Bdr., 29.3.40.

Gnr. C. C. Fung, 4th Bty., to be L/Bdr., 29.3.40.

Gnr. B. Foon, 4th Bty., to be L/Bdr., 29.3.40.

Pte. M. G. Carruthers, Armd. C. Pl., to be L/Cpl., 29.3.40.

LEAVE

Capt. C. W. L. Cole, 4th Bty., 15.4.40—14.12.40.

Sgt. J. L. Hsieh, 1st Bty., 24.4.40—5.6.40.

Gnr. F. T. Chung, 4th Bty., 29.3.40—20.4.40.

Gnr. W. L. Yang, 5th A.A. Bty., 11.3.40—10.5.40.

Pte. C. S. Rosset, A.S.C. Coy., 1.4.40—30.4.40.

Pte. W. H. Peters, No. 3 Coy., 28.3.40—11.4.40.

STRENGTH-DECREASE

Gnr. J. A. L. Pearson, 2nd Bty., 8.3.40.

Spr. N. K. Littlejohn, R.O.D.C., 15.3.40.

Gnr. Paul Kwok, 4th Bty., 18.3.40.

Pte. D. F. Davies, Armd. Car Pl., 20.3.40.

Pte. A. C. English, Stanley Platoon, 15.4.40.

Pte. T. E. Gooding, Stanley Platoon, 15.4.40.

RAIN, AND
MORE RAIN

This was the wettest March on record; the weather throughout the month was unsettled, with frequent rainfall, sometimes heavy; there were no less than 14 thunderstorms during the month.

A hailstorm occurred over Kowloon on March 4. This was the first hail ever recorded at the Observatory. Fog was prevalent from March 4 to March 9, followed by a short spell of warm sunny weather from the 11th to the 14th. A brilliant display of solar halos was seen on the 14th. The remainder of the month was mainly cloudy and wet, with occasional bright intervals.

NORMAL TEMPERATURE
The mean temperature for the month was 63.6 deg. F, which is normal; a maximum of 77.6 deg. was recorded on the 31st, and a minimum of 55.0 deg. on the 21st. The mean relative humidity was 84 per cent which is 1 per cent above normal.

Sunshine amounted to 99 hours, against a normal of 94 hours. The total rainfall was 12.91 inches, which is nearly 10 inches above normal. This is a record for March, the previous highest total being 11.49 inches in 1905. The highest daily total of 4.45 inches on the 16th is also a record for the month.

The maximum wind velocity in a gust was 54 m.p.h. at 9.40 p.m. on the 22nd.

Pte. A. Walker, Stanley Platoon, 15.4.40.

Pte. J. R. Logan, Stanley Platoon, 8.4.40.

AFFILIATED UNIT
Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

The next lecture will be held on Friday April 5, in the St. John's Cathedral Hall at 5.30 p.m.

The undermentioned lady was attached to the Military Hospital for training during the period shown:—

Miss G. Ezra—18-27/3/40.

Strength-Increase: Mrs. M. A. Neve—21.3.40.

Sgt. I. M. S. BRAUDE, Commandant, Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

Orders by the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, Commissioner of Police

GENERAL

The Squad Drill competition has been arranged to take place at Central Police Station on Friday, April 12, 1940. Fall in at 17.15 hours sharp.

CHINESE COMPANY

Strength. Constables R169 Lau Yun Ning and R171 Ip Wa Kwai have been taken on the strength of the Chinese Company as from March 28, 1940.

Training Course—Part II. The undermentioned members of the Chinese Company will attend Company Headquarters for Part II of Training Course on Tuesday, April 2, 1940 at 17.30 hours sharp:—

Constables R12 Lai Chak Po, R15 Tsui Kwok Ching, R31 Kwok Wai Lam, R39 Ip Shiu Ning, R95 Ip Wing Nin, R101 Lai Li Ying, R164 Mak Wai Fong, R165 Lik George Poon, R188 Chan Shiu Sun, R189 Lau Yun Ning and R171 Ip Wa Kwai.

Training Course—Part III. The following will attend Company Headquarters for instruction in Part III of Training Course on Monday, April 1, 1940 at 17.30 hours sharp:—

Constables R12 Lai Chak Po, R15 Tsui Kwok Ching, R31 Kwok Wai Lam, R39 Ip Shiu Ning, R95 Ip Wing Nin, R101 Lai Li Ying, R164 Mak Wai Fong, R165 Lik George Poon, R166 Chan Shiu Sun, R169 Lau Yun Ning, and R171 Ip Wa Kwai.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY

Training Course—Part I. The following members will attend Central Police Station on Wednesday, April 3, 1940 at 17.15 hours for Squad Drill under Sub-Inspector (R) Mehdi Khan:—

Constables R231 A. Karim, R257 A. Khan, R277 M. Afzal, R217 A. Hamid, R218 B. Abbas, R240 A. Mohamed, R265 Mohamed Ramzan, R266 Kesar Ali, R239 N. Hamet, R291 A. R. Feroz, R274 H. Khan, R213 M. Ali, R272 N. Nadir, R259 A. Khan, R268 G. Singh, R300 F. Singh, R701 N. Khan, R702 M. Currim, R705 S. Khan, R708 M. Hossen, R711 W. Abbas, R713 S. Bachl, R714 A. Khan, R716

P. R. Sharma, and R717 Ajab Khan.

Training Course—Part II. The following members of the Indian Company will attend Company Headquarters for Part II of Training Course on Monday, April 1, 1940 at 17.30 hours under P.S.R. 214 Channan Singh:—

Constables R212 P. Singh, R272 N. Nazir, R219 N. Y. Hussain, R229 G. Nabl, R259 A. Khan, R263 G. Singh, R288 N. Khan, R300 P. Singh, R701 N. Khan, R702 M. Hayat, R704 M. Currim, R705 S. Khan, R706 M. Yakub, R707 A. Hamid, R708 M. Hossen, R709 A. Singh, R710 H. Ahmed, R716 F. R. Sharma, R711 W. Abbas, R712 A. Rahman, R713 S. Bachl, R714 A. Khan, R715 F. Din, and R717 Ajab Khan.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

FLYING SQUAD

Strength. Crown Sergeant R318 Ho So has ceased to be a member of the Reserve as from March 27, 1940.

Instructional Patrol. The next instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Wednesday, April 3, 1940 at 17.15 hours sharp at Terminus Fire Station. All members must attend. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with white Cover, Belt with Brace, Whistle and Chain, and Truncheon to be carried.

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HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 2 to 8 Apr. 1940.

Day of Week	Date	High Water	Low Water	Day of Week	Date	High Water	Low Water
Tues.	2	h.m. 07.25	a.m. 4.5	Tues.	8	h.m. 09.39	a.m. 5.5
Wed.	3	07.55	5.7	Wed.	9	09.01	5.5
Thur.	4	08.20	6.0	Thur.	10	09.26	5.8
Fri.	5	08.40	6.3	Fri.	11	09.51	6.1
Sat.	6	09.01	6.5	Sat.	12	10.16	6.4
Sun.	7	09.26	6.8	Sun.	13	10.41	6.7
Mon.	8	09.51	7.1	Mon.	14	11.06	7.0

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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., April 1.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.93 ins.
Temperature, 70 F.
Humidity, 85 per cent.
Wind Direction, E/S
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4
Temperature: maximum, yesterday 78 F.
Temperature: minimum last night 67 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10 a.m. today, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1st 14.17 ins.
Against an average of 6.02 ins.
Sunset tonight, 6.30 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6.15 a.m.
4 p.m., April 1.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.79 ins.
Temperature, 68 F.
Humidity, 97 per cent.
Wind Direction, E
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4
Maximum temperature, 71 F.
Minimum temperature, 67 F.
Rainfall, nil.

Finance and Commerce

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

Sales reported were negligible in a market drifting aimlessly.

BUYERS

H.K. Fire Ins., \$180.
H.K. Docks C. Rts., \$21.
Providents, \$4.
Rauhs, \$9.65.
H. & S. Hotels, \$5.10.
H.K. Tramways, \$17.
China Lights (New), \$5.30.
H.K. Electric, \$85.
Cements, \$19.30.
H.K. Ropes, \$5.40.
Dairy Farms (Old), \$21.
SELLERS

H.K. Fire Ins., \$185.
H.K. Docks C. Rts., \$22.
Providents, \$4.60.
H. & S. Hotels, \$5.
H.K. Lands, \$37.
H.K. Tramways, \$17.65.
China Lights (Old), \$8.
Telephone (Old), \$30.
Telephone (New), \$11.40.
SALES

China Underwriters, 85 cts.
H.K. Docks Rts., \$7.
China Lights (New), \$5.35.
Telephone (Old), \$29.
H.K. Ropes, \$5.
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JAPAN'S WAR FINANCE IS ANALYSED

Japan's war finance is analysed below.

Japan's resources have been so seriously depleted that in recent months there has arisen in Japan a fairly widespread belief in the expediency of terminating the "China Incident" within a comparatively short time.

The present situation can only continue at the cost of further inflationary increases in prices and deterioration in the standard of living.

The people are feeling very keenly the burden of huge government expenditure financed by heavy taxation and large domestic loans. The seven-year arms programme involving a total of 2,858 million yen, or \$671 million U.S., presented to the Diet in February last will materially increase the burden. The decreasing volume of Japanese trade with countries outside the "Yen Bloc" is accentuating the shortage of foreign exchange, and import restrictions have been made more stringent in order to assure the continuation of imports of raw materials essential to the war industries such as iron ore, crude rubber and petroleum.

Japan is also experiencing a shortage of rice, her most important staple food, due to drought and the partial failure of the Korean autumn crop. The low levels of the rivers and reservoirs have caused a serious curtailment in the output of hydro-electric power on the mainland and insufficient coal resources have aggravated this situation. During the last three years, Japan's annual expenditures more

than doubled from 5 billion yen or \$1,172 million to 10 billion yen or \$2,344 million. Appropriations of approximately 2,500 million yen (\$588 million) were made in the 1937/38 fiscal year for the prosecution of the Sino-Japanese War; 4,800 million yen (\$1,125 million) in 1938/39 and 5,300 million yen (\$1,242 million) in 1939/40.

If expenditures for military and naval purposes, not directly connected with the "China Incident" are included, the totals become 4,000 million yen (\$938 million), 6,000 million yen (\$1,406 million) and 7,100 million yen (\$1,664 million) respectively. Appropriations for such expenditures during 1940/41 aggregate 6,755 million yen (\$1,583 million) and if the seven-year armament plan is adopted, the total required will be increased to approximately 7,184 million yen (\$1,679 million).

By the imposition of new taxes and increasing the rates of those already in existence, revenues from taxation have been increased from 1,051 million yen (\$246 million) in 1935/37, to 2,245 million yen (\$528 million) in 1939/40 and it is estimated that in 1940/41 receipts may approximate 4 billion yen (\$938 million). To make up the immense war deficits, heavy borrowings have been necessary, loan flotations in 1939/40 being approximately nine times those in 1936/37.

CONTROL OF ECONOMY

The control of the Japanese economy during the war period has been so effective that bond yields have been reduced, the average in October, 1939, being 3.79 per cent as compared with 3.94 per cent two years earlier. The absorption of Government securities has not been so rapid in recent months, sales in October, 1939, amounting to less than half the total offered—288 million yen (\$67.5 million) or 48 per cent of the 600 million yen (\$140.6 million) available. It is estimated, however, that 89 per cent of all the bonds during the 1939/40 fiscal year have been assimilated.

The total held by the Bank of Japan has increased from 554 million yen (\$190 million) in

French Air Trials

SECRET COMMERCIAL EXPERIMENT

PARIS, April 1 (Reuter).—A secret commercial flight between France and Rio de Janeiro was recently carried out by a French subsonic plane. It is now revealed.

The crew of four, was not out to break records but to prove that men without special equipment could make long commercial flights in a sealed cabin at heights of from forty thousand to fifty thousand feet.

The crew fulfilled their mission and the plane has now been handed over to Air France for trials on the North Atlantic route.

September, 1937, to 1,254 million yen (\$294 million) in September, 1938; and 1,805 million yen (\$423 million) in the same month last year. One reason advanced for the slower absorption during the past was the heavy increase in new private issues, and it is reported that in order to acquire further control of available capital funds, the Government is considering the tightening of restrictions respecting bank loans.

National savings during the six months ended September 30, 1939, are estimated, at 4,837 million yen (\$1,134 million) or 48.4 per cent of the 10 billion yen (\$2,344 million) set for the full year under the National Savings Programme. This is 1,232 million yen (\$289 million) more than the total for the corresponding period of 1938.

RETAIL PRICES

Retail prices on November 15, 1939 were on the average 38 per cent higher than in July 1937; in 1939 alone retail prices advanced more than 15 per cent. An Imperial Ordinance of September 18, 1939 endeavoured to peg all prices but this was not effective in stopping the upward movement and retail prices have risen by 5 per cent since that date. Food prices have mounted most rapidly being 40 per cent higher on November 15, 1939, than at the beginning of the war, and 21 per cent higher than on November 15, 1939.

Between Oct. 15 and Nov. 15, 1939, the increase in food prices was 8 per cent as compared with an average of 3.5 per cent for all retail prices. No commodities were excepted from the September Ordinance whereas silk, rubber, rice, and other similar products had not been included in previous control schemes.

During the period of hostilities there has been a tremendous increase in bank note circulation.



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H.K. Docks	300	21.55
Cements	500	19.35
H.K. Electric	50	85.50
H.K. Hotels	1,000	5.29
H.K. Telephones (N)	200	11.00
Ropes	1,000	5.50

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The total value is \$47,245.

(\$117 million) gold reserve, the country has little gold left, and strenuous efforts have been made to increase the output of mines, whose annual production is now about 200 million yen (\$47 million).

Industrial production in Japan has increased steadily since the outbreak of hostilities in China. The Oriental Economist's index of industrial production was 148.8 for 1936, 167.3 in 1937, 173.0 in 1938 and 181.2 for the first seven months of 1939, the base (100) being the average for the years 1931-33. The advance was most pronounced in the heavy industries and employment in both the mining and manufacturing industries during the first seven months of 1939.

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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
APRIL 1 1940.

On London:—	Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 13/16
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 13/16	
Credits 4 months' sight 1/2 13/16	
On Shanghai:—	On demand 350
On Singapore:—	On demand 52 1/2
On Japan:—	On demand 91
On India:—	Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 1/4
On New York:—	Bank Bills, on demand 21 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight 22 3/8	
On Batavia:—	On demand 40
On Paris:—	Bank Bills, on demand 108 1/2
Credits 4 months' sight 114 0	
On Saigon:—	On demand 108 1/4
On Manila:—	On demand 43
On Bangkok:—	On demand 150
On London:—	Bank Buying Rate 1/4
Bar Silver per oz 30 7/16	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices were unchanged over the week-end, the quotations remaining at 20 7/16 for Ready and 20 1/2 for Forward. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 353 1/4.

Market.

Sterling

There were sellers at 1/2 7/8 April/July and 1/2 27/32 August/November, buyers at 1/2 29/32 Cash, 1/2 7/8 September and 1/2 27/32 January.

U. S. Dollars

A small business was done early in the morning at 21 7/8 for Cash. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 21 13/16 Cash, 21 3/4 April and 21 11/16 May, buyers at 21 7/8 Cash, 21 3/4 first half May, probably April.

Shanghai Dollars

Opened with sellers at 359 with business done subsequently at 359 1/2, 360 1/2. At 1 p.m. there were sellers at 360 1/2 for Spot, buyers at 361 1/2.

Shanghai Market

Sterling business was done at 4 1/8 for Spot, U.S. Dollars, business was reported at 6 1/32 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

Sterling

No business was reported, finishing with sellers at 1/2 7/8 April/July and 1/2 27/32 August/November, buyers at 1/2 29/32 Cash and 1/2 7/8 September.

U. S. Dollars

Business was done at 21 13/16 for Cash and 21 5/8 June. The market closed with sellers at 21 3/4 Cash, 21 11/16 April, 21 5/8 May and 21 9/16 June, buyers at 21 13/16 Cash, 21 3/4 first half of May and 21 5/8 June.

Shanghai Dollars

Sellers at 360 1/2.

Shanghai Market

Sterling sellers at 4 1/8 for Spot and U.S. Dollars buyers probably at 6 1/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, April 1 (Reuter).

Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/4	0/4
New York	5-7/8	5-7/8
Japan	24-7/8	24-7/8
India	22-1/8	22-1/8
Paris	2-9/4	2-9/4
Hongkong	26-3/4	26-3/4

Sellers

Spot 0/4-1/8 0/4-1/8

April 0/4-1/16 0/4-1/32

May 0/3-31/32 0/3-15/16

U.S. Dollars

Spot \$8-1/16 \$8-1/32

April 5-29/32 5-7/8

May 5-3/4 5-11/16

Market—Easy

Merchant Rates

Sterling, 0/4-3/32.

U.S. Dollars, \$8.

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2.

The Equalisation rate was 7-1/4 per cent.

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COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
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SINGAPORE RUBBER

	Previous	March 30	Change
Spot	11-1/16	11-1/16	0
April-June	36 cts.	35-3/4	off 1/4
July-Sept.	34-3/4	34-1/2	off 1/4

The market was quiet but steady.

LONDON RUBBER

	Previous	Close	Today's	Change
Spot	11-1/16	11-1/16	11-1/16	0
April	11-1/16	11-1/16	11-1/16	0
May	11-1/16	11-1/16	11-1/16	0
June	11-1/16	11-1/16	11-1/16	0
July-Sept.	11-1/16	11-1/16	11-1/16	0
Oct.-Dec.	10-7/8	10-7/8	10-7/8	0

NEW YORK COTTON: Mill fixations are lending continuing strength as a result of the recent large sales of gray goods. We doubt much decline of consequence and continue to expect May contracts above 11 cents by middle of April.

NEW YORK RUBBER: There was some factory buying on declines. There is a lack of outside interest at the moment.

CHICAGO WHEAT: The Trade is absorbing moderate hedge-selling and scattered liquidation. Lacking any new incentive on both ways, a trading market is indicated.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close 147.54; Today's close 147.95; Change up 41.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's	Change
New York Cotton, May	10.60	10.56	10.54	10.50	06 up
New York Rubber, May	18.13	18.08	18.11	18.10	01 off
Chicago Wheat, May	104 1/4	104	104 1/4	104 1/4	1 up
Chicago Corn, May	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2	1 up
New York Hides, June	13.47	13.40	13.37 1/2	13.45	08 up

NEW YORK COTTON: Opening Closing Change
May 10.54/55 10.56/56 10.50/50 06 up
July 10.36/37 10.36/37 10.39/40 03 up
July (New contract) 10.48/48 10.48 10.52 N 04 up
October 9.82/82 9.82/82 9.86/86 04 up
December 9.66/66 9.67/67 9.72/72 06 up
January 9.61 N 9.62 1/2/4 9.67 N 06 up
March 9.54 N 9.54 1/2 9.58/58 04 up
Spot 10.79 N 10.73 N 06 off

Total sales Friday:—29,900 bales.

First notice day for cotton:—1/5/40 and last day 22/5/40.

NEW YORK RUBBER

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's	Change
May	18.11/11	18.10/10	18.10/10	18.10	01 off
July	17.76/77	17.75/76	17.72/73	17.73	04 off
September	17.65/67	17.50 1/2	17.59/59	17.59	08 off
December	17.50/52	—	17.42 1/2/44	17.42	08 off
January	17.46 N	—	17.38 N	17.38	08 off

Total sales:—870 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's	Change
May	104 1/4/104 1/4	104 1/4/104 1/4	104 1/4/104 1/4	104 1/4	1 up
July	102 1/2/102 1/2	102 1/2/102 1/2	102 1/2/102 1/2	102 1/2	1 up
September	102 1/2/102 1/2	102 1/2/102 1/2	102 1/2/102 1/2	102 1/2	1 up

Friday's sales:—26,187,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's	Change
May	56 1/2/56 1/2	56 1/2/56 1/2	56 1/2/56 1/2	56 1/2	1 up
July	57 1/2/57 1/2	57 1/2/57 1/2	57 1/2/57 1/2	57 1/2	1 up
September	50 1/2/50 1/2	50 1/2/50 1/2	50 1/2/50 1/2	50 1/2	unch.

WINNIPEG WHEAT

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's	Change
May	88 1/2/88 1/2	88 1/2/88 1/2	88 1/2/88 1/2	88 1/2	1 up
July	89 1/2/89 1/2	89 1/2/89 1/2	89 1/2/89 1/2	89 1/2	unch.
October	91 1/2/91 1/2	91 1/2/91 1/2	91 1/2/91 1/2	91 1/2	unch.

NEW YORK HIDES

	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's	Change
September	13.65 1/2/66 1/2	13.45/45	13 5/45	13 5/45	08 up
June	13.37 1/2/39 1/2	13.70/74	13.70/74	13.70	05 up
New York, Official	34-3/4	34-3/4	34-3/4	34-3/4	unch.
NY-London Cross Rate	352-5/8	—	—	—	unch.

JAPAN'S WAR FINANCE

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months of 1939 increased by 10 per cent as compared with the corresponding period in 1938.

SEVERE DROUGHT

A severe drought in Korea, the source of Japan's supply of many basic foodstuffs resulted in a partial failure of the rice crop and the threat of a severe shortage in Japan. A difficult situation has also arisen in respect to fuel supplies, with coal completely barred for household purposes and the use of gas restricted to 80 per cent of the amount consumed in the corresponding month of the previous year. A shortage of electric power has now developed from the paucity of rainfall and the insufficient supply of coal for steam plants.

Power regulations have accordingly been issued and a "power holiday" was instituted in Osaka, the chief industrial centre, on January 30. After a 14-hour complete suspension in Osaka some

NEW TRADE PROTOCOL

PARIS, April 1 (Reuter)—An Anglo-French trade protocol has been signed here between Sir Andrew Duncan, President of the Board of Trade and M. Charles Lamoureux, French Minister of Commerce.

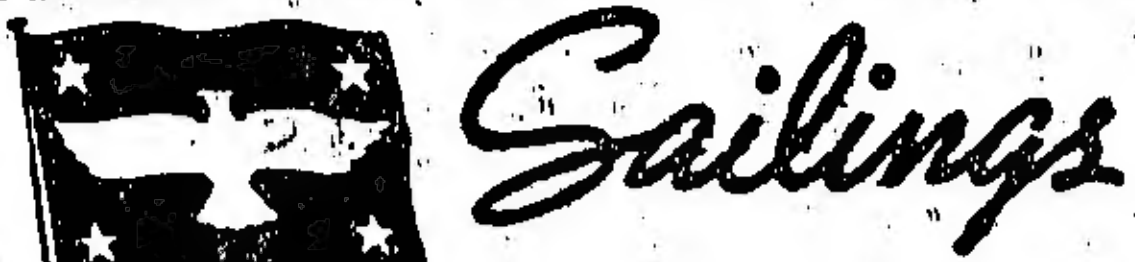
The protocol extends the applications of the economic agreement signed last month and provides, among other things, for trade in oil between Britain and French territories and French and British Territories.

It will be submitted to both Governments for ratification.

Industries resumed restricted production but many remained closed throwing thousands out of employment; other cities will in turn undergo a similar period of restriction. Relief is expected in May following the Spring rains. Altogether, the experience of Japan shed an interesting light on the appalling cost of war.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATION
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

STOCKS		Last Sale	STOCKS		Last Sale
		Mar. 30			Mar. 30
Adams Express	8 1/2		Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	49 1/2	
Allegheny Steel Co.	22 1/2		Lockheed Aircraft	35 1/2	
Allied Stores	8 1/2		Loew's Inc.	35 1/2	
Allis Chalmers	36 1/2		Loft Incorporated	37 1/2	
Aluminum Ltd.	105		Mack Truck Inc.	25 1/2	
Amer. Can	115		Martin, Glen L.	44 1/2	
American Cyanamid B.	39		McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	31 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign Power	1 1/2		Monsanto Chemical	112 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	25 1/2		Montgomery Ward	53 1/2	
American Gas & Elec.	36 1/2		National Aviation	14 1/2	
Amer. Locomotive	20		Nat. Dairy Products	17 1/2	
Amer. Metals Co.	24 1/2		Nat. Distillers	26 1/2	
Amer. Radiator	8 1/2		National Gypsum	11	
Amer. Rolling Mill	15 1/2		National Lead	21 1/2	
Amer. S'ing and R'ing Co.	50 1/2		Nat. Power & Light	8 1/2	
Amer. Sugar Refining	19 1/2		National Steel Corp.	67 1/2	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	172		National Supply Corp.	8 1/2	
Amer. Tobacco "B"	89		New York Central	16 1/2	
Amer. Waterworks	10 1/2		Niagara Hudson Power	5 1/2	
Anaconda Copper	29 1/2		N. American Aviation	24 1/2	
Atchison, T. & S. Fe.	23 1/2		North American Co.	22 1/2	
Auburn Motors	1 1/2		Northern Pacific	8 1/2	
Baltimore & Ohio	5 1/2		Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	62 1/2	
Barber Asphalt Co.	14 1/2		Pacific Gas & Elec.	33 1/2	
Barnsdall Oil	10 1/2		Pacific Lighting	48 1/2	
Bendix Aviation	34 1/2		Packard Motors	3 1/2	
Bethlehem Steel	77 1/2		Pan-American Airways	21 1/2	
Bliss & Co.	15 1/2		Paramount Pictures	7 1/2	
Boeing Airplane Co.	23		Pennsylvania R.R.	22 1/2	
Borg-Warner	23 1/2		Phelps-Dodge	36 1/2	
Bridgeport Brass Corp.	12 1/2		Phillips Petroleum	38 1/2	
Briggs Mfg.	21 1/2		Pittsburgh Coke & Iron	7 1/2	
Brooklyn-M'hattan Trans.	22 1/2		Public Service of N.J.	42 1/2	
Brooklyn-Manhattan \$8.	91 1/2		Pullman Inc.	27	
Canadian Pacific R'way	5 1/2		Pure Oil	9 1/2	
Case, J.I.	67 1/2		Radio Corp. of Am.	61 1/2	
Celanese	30 1/2		Reading Company, Com.	15 1/2	
Chesapeake & Ohio	40		Reading Company, 1st pfd	26 1/2	
Chrysler Corp.	87		Remington Arms Co., Inc.	4 1/2	
Citmax-Molybdenum Co.	40 1/2		Republic Aviation Corp.	6 1/2	
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	77 1/2		Republic Steel	21 1/2	
Columbia Gas & Elec.	61		Revere Cop. & Brass Inc.	13 1/2	
Columbia 6% "A" pf.	87 1/2		Reynold Tobac. "B"	41 1/2	
Commercial Credit Co.	45 1/2		Richfield Oil	6 1/2	
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1 1/2		Safeway Stores	50 1/2	
Consolidated Edison	31 1/2		Schenley Distillers	13 1/2	
Consolidated Oil	7 1/2		Sears Roebuck	86 1/2	
Continental Can	47 1/2		Shell Union Oil	11 1/2	
Continental Oil	23		Soco-Vacuum Oil	12	
Copperweld Steel	19 1/2		Southern Pacific	12 1/2	
Corn Products	50 1/2		Southern Ry. \$5 pfd.	28 1/2	
Curtiss Wright (C.)	10 1/2		Sperry	42 1/2	
Curtiss Wright "A"	28 1/2		Spicer Manufacturing Co.	37 1/2	
Deere & Co.	21 1/2		Standard Brands	7	
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	19		Stand Gas & Elec.	17 1/2	
Douglas Aircraft	84 1/2		Standard Oil of California	23	
Du Pont de Nemours	186		Standard Oil of N.J.	43 1/2	
Eagle Picher Lead	11 1/2		Stone & Webster	10 1/2	
Eaton Mfg. Co.	33 1/2		Studebaker Com.	11 1/2	
Elec. Autolite	39 1/2		Swift International	28	
Elec. Bond & Share	7 1/2		Technicolor	15	
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	61 1/2		Texas Corp.	45 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share \$6 pf.	71		Texas Gulf Sulphur	33 1/2	
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	30 1/2		Timken-Axle	24 1/2	
Fisk Rubber	15 1/2		Trans-America Co.	54 1/2	
Flintkote	20 1/2		20th Cent. Fox	11 1/2	
Gen. American Trans.	51 1/2		20th Cent. Fox \$1 1/2 pf.	22 1/2	
Gen. Electric	39		Union Carbide & Carbon	84	
Gen. Motors	54 1/2		Union Pacific	96	
Gen. Railway Signal	16 1/2		United Aircraft	47 1/2	
Gen. Tire & Rubber	20 1/2		United Airlines Trans	20 1/2	
Gildden Co.	17 1/2		United Corp.	21	
Goodrich (B.F.)	19 1/2		United Corp. \$3 cum. pf.	39 1/2	
Goodrich \$5 pf.	66		United Gas Corp.	14	
Goodyear Tire & Co.	23		United Gas Improvement	13 1/2	
Great Northern Iron Ore	13 1/2		U.S. Industrial Alcohol	25	
Great Northern Ry, pfd.	24 1/2		U.S. Rubber	35	
Great Western Sugar	27 1/2		U.S. Rubber \$8 pfd.	114	
Greyhound Corp.	16		U.S. Steel	59	
Hercules Powder Co.	96 1/2		Vanadium	35 1/2	
Homestake Mining	58 1/2		Vultee Aircraft	9 1/2	
International Harvester	54 1/2		Walworth Co.	58	
Int Nickel	33		Warner Bros. Pict.	39	
Int. Tel. & Tel.	44 1/2		Westinghouse Elec.	112 1/2	
Johns-Manville	70		Woodward Iron Cor.	25 1/2	
J. & Laughlin Steel \$7 pfd.	60		Chase National Bank	34 1/2	
Kennecott Copper	36 1/2		National City Bank	29 1/2	
Lakeview Foundry & Mac.	41 1/2				

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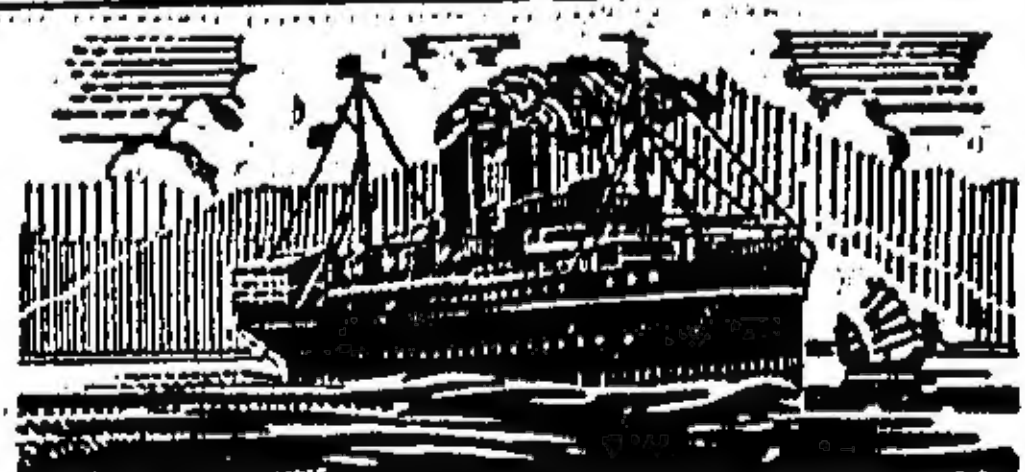
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Goods remaining undelivered after the
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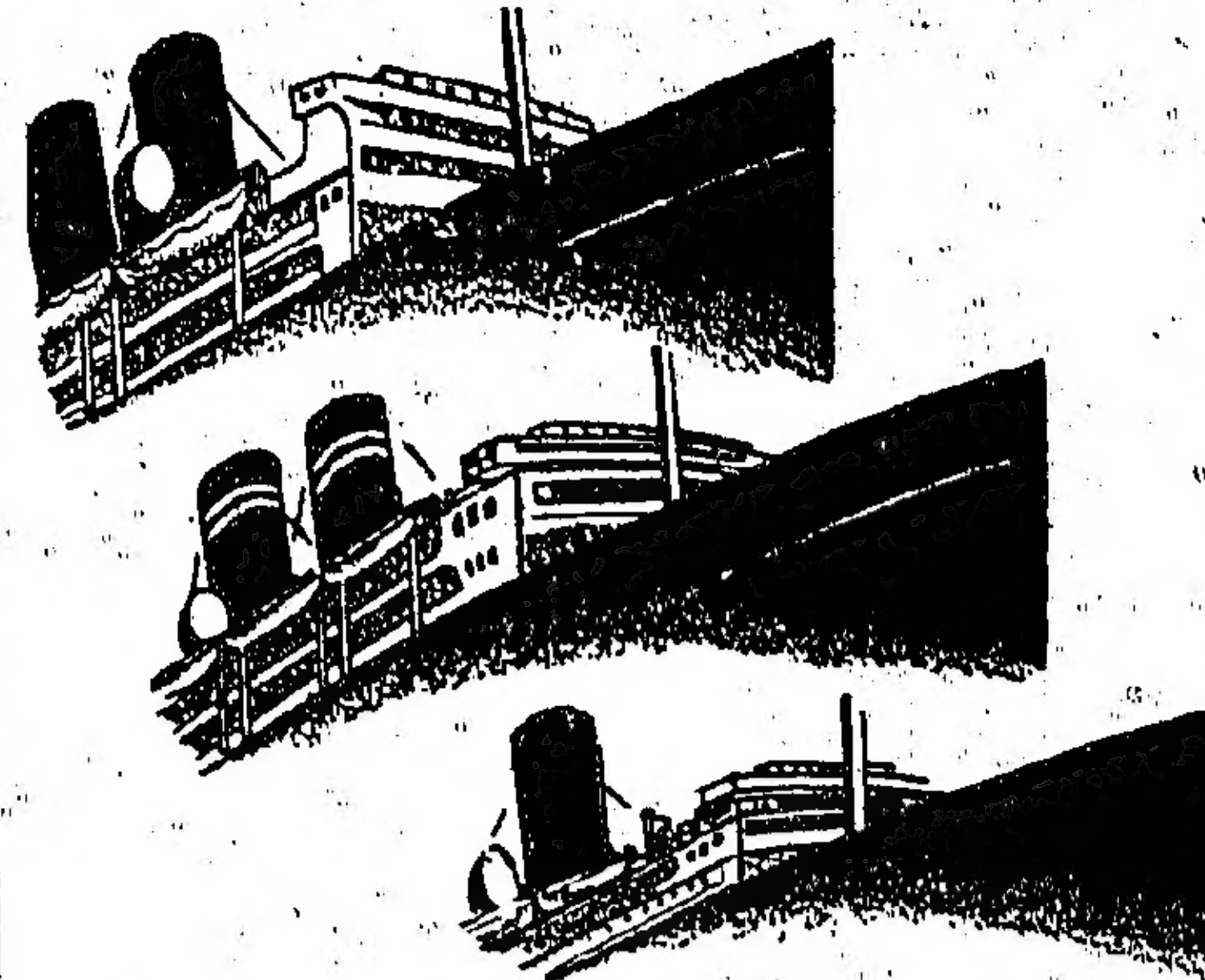
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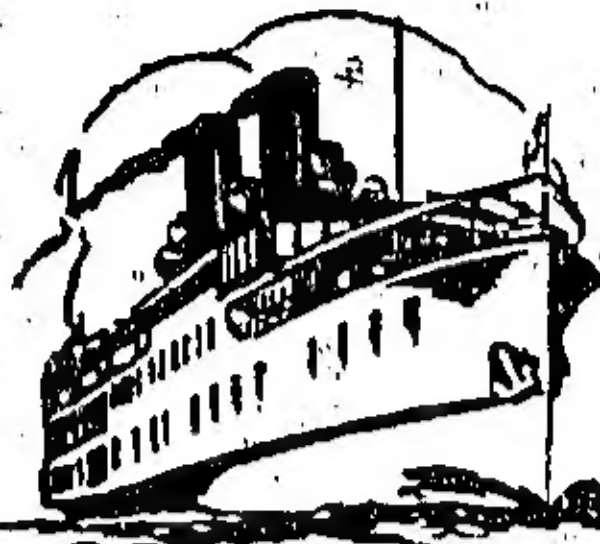
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Capt. Neve, Maj. Gen. Grissett, 2/Lt. Tennant, Maj. White, The Revolver Aggregate Cpl. Maghar Singh, H.K.P. 83; L/Sgt. Tansley, Ex. H.K.P.R. 80; P/Sgt. K. C. Hoo, H.K.P.R. 78; Association SR. Championship R.S.M. Maslem, R.E. 98; L/Sgt. Nunn, R.E. 93; Cpl. Brighty, R.E. 89; F/Sgt. Tollison, R.A.F. 88; Cpl. Neave, 2/R.S. 88; Sgt. Heap, R.M. 86; Sgt. Whippley, 2/R.S. 85; Sgt. Pan, H.K.P.R. 84; Spr. Colebrook, R.E. 82; Cpl. Ghulam Mohamed, H.K.P. 82; Sgt. Bremner, 2/R.S. 81; Cpl. Cole, R.M. 77; Pte. Hickenbottom, 2/R.S. 77; Piper, Stewart (67), 2/R.S. 77; Mr. Whyte, D.R.C. 75; Cpl. Narain Singh, H.K.P. 73; Cpl. Hitchcock, 2/R.S. 73; Cpl. Naranjan Singh, H.K.P. 67; L/Cpl. Pemberton, R.E. 64; Sgt. Booth, 2/R.S. 63.

Senior Members Match

Army—Maj. Gen. A. E. Grissett, D.S.O., M.C. 23; Brig. J. T. W. Reeve, D.S.O. 30; Brig. T. McLeod 27. Total: 80.

The International Match

China—A.S.P. (R) D. Lole 60; P/Sgt. K. C. Hoo 57; L/Sgt. N. L. Fan 57; L/Sgt. O. T. Leong 57. Total: 232.

The All Comers Aggregate

Lt. Le Seilleur, R.E. 299; Sgt. Russell, H.K.P. 293; C/Sgt. Hale, 1/Mx. 292; Cpl. Brighty, R.E. 292; C.E.R.A. Classey, 4th Sub. Fl. 290; P/Sgt. Tollison, R.A.F. 290; E.A. Gilpin, 4th Sub. Fl. 290; Sub. Insp. C. C. Chau, H.K.P.R. 290; C.E.A. Templeton, 4th Sub. Fl. 238. Individual Revolver Competition Sgt. Gowans, H.K.P. 27; Sub-Insp. Ritchie, H.K.P. 23; P/Sgt. Chanchal Singh, H.K.P. 20.

Revolver Medals

Cpl. Maghar Singh, H.K.P. 64; Insp. All Mohamed, H.K.P. 60; P/Sgt. K. C. Hoo, H.K.P.R. 60.

The Steel-Coulson Trophy

Hongkong Police 308.

Services Team Aggregate

2nd Bn. the Royal Scots 471. Revolver Pool—April 1, 1940 Lt. Dawson 240; Mr. Tansley 180; C.S.M. Milne 60 cts.

Services Rifle Championship

R.S.M. Maslem, R.E. 98; L/Sgt. Nunn, R.E. 93; Corpl. Brighty, R.E. 89; F/Sgt. Tollison, R.A.F. 88; Cpl. Neave, 2/R.S. 88; Sgt. Heap, R.M. 86; Sgt. Whippley, 2/R.S. 85; Spr. Colebrook, R.E. 82; Pte. Mackenzie, 1/Sea. 81; Sgt. Bremner, 2/R.S. 81.

Grand Aggregate

Lt. Le Seilleur, R.E. 415; E.A. Gilpin, 4th Sub. Fl. 409; F/Sgt. Tollison, R.A.F. 408; Lt. Otway, R.E. 403; Sgt. Heap, R.M. 402; Sub-I. C. C. Chau, H.K.P.R. 401; L/Sgt. Purn Singh, H.K.P. 401; C.E.A. Templeton, 4th Sub. Fl. 401; Cpl. Brighty, R.E. 401; C.E.R.A. Classey, 4th Sub. Fl. 400; Sub. Lt. Carey, H.K.N.Y.F. 398; C/Sgt. Hale, 1/Mx. 398; Lt. Cooper, 1/Mx. 395; Sgt. Breesse, R.M. 395; Mr. Guard, D.R.C. 393; Capt. Sequeira, H.K.V.D.C. 393; Mr. Trenouth, D.R.C. 391; P.S. Chanchal Singh, H.K.P. 387; P.S. Thong, H.K.P.R. 387; A.S.P. Lole, H.K.P.R. 387.

Association Cup

C/Sgt. Hale, 1/Mx. 35; Mr. Foreman, D.R.C. 34; S/Insp. C. C. Chau, H.K.P.R. 34; Lt. Le Seilleur, R.E. 34.

Founder's Prize Aggregate

Lt. Le Seilleur, R.E. 388; Sub-Insp. C. C. Chau, H.K.P.R. 378; E.A. Gilpin, 4th Sub. Fl. 378; Cpl. Brighty, R.E. 378; Lt. Otway, R.E. 375; C.E.R.A. Classey, 4th Sub. Fl. 373.

Team Revolver Match

Amended Prize List:—H.K. Police 97; 2/Royal Scots 73.

The Brookwood Competition

Result of Shoot-off—S.R. (a) Class X: Spr. Alle, Won by default; L/Cpl. Wood.

Result of Shoot-off—S.R. (b)

Class M: Mr. Gillman, D.R.C.; P.S.M. Clemmets, 2/R.S.

Clay Bird Section H.K.R.A.

Prize List (31.3.40):—Single Rise Open: Winner, Capt. Hyde; Runner-up: Lt. Bateman.

Single Rise Fcap: Winner, Lt. Bateman; Runner-up: Mr. Evans.

Double Rise: Winner, Capt. Hyde; Runner-up: Lt. Bateman.

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Twenty-six year old Princess Chi Chun-feng is now the most popular Mongol in China. She is the first woman Chassack (Banner Chief) in the entire Mongol history. She is also the first woman garrison commander in Mongolia. She is one of the first women to lead her crack horsemen to fight against the invading Japanese.

And she is the only woman member on the Suiyuan Mongolian Self-Administration Commission, and concurrently chairman of the commission's reconstruction sub-committee. This outstanding woman is on her way to Chungking to pay her respects to Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek and other government leaders.

Princess Chi is the acting Chassack of the Ulat Front Banner in western Suiyuan, and her family tree can be traced back to Ghengis Khan. She was born in 1915. When she was 9 years old, the princess went to Peking with Madame Norpahten, her aunt. There, she was taught to read and write Chinese by an old Chinese scholar. She also visited the former Manchukuo Imperial House.

She married Prince Shilapurtol, the Chassack of the Western Banner, in 1934. The prince was then 41 years old and the princess 20. The prince died of tuberculosis in 1936. Certain conspirators planned to make another member of the family his successor as Chassack. With the help of some loyal followers, the princess reported the case to the Suiyuan Mongolian Self-Administration Commission and the Suiyuan Provincial Government. The authorities ruled that the problem of succession would be decided after the birth of Chi's unborn child. If the child was a boy, all would be well, if not, other means would be found. When Chi gave birth to a son in April, 1937, the conspirators all took to their heels and disappeared.

The little prince is named Alatanutsi. He is now three years

old and able to read some 50-60 Chinese characters and can sing some simple war songs as well as the National Anthem.

Puppet Mongol troops and Japanese units advanced into the banner territory late in 1937. The Princess, her mother and her son, were kept in the castle as virtual prisoners.

ASKED FOR HELP

The loyal princess refused to live under suppression. She sent secret representatives to Chinese authorities and asked for help. It was arranged that she should escape from the castle and Chinese troops would send men to escort her to Chinese-held territory.

The plan was discovered by Japanese agents, and on February 20, 1938, a regiment of puppet Mongol troops was sent to the castle to bring Chi and her family to Puotow.

With great courage and presence of mind, Chi told the puppet regiment commander that it would be inconvenient for a young widow, together with an old woman and a small child, to travel by night. Besides, the castle was well surrounded by Mongol troops, and she had not even the slightest chance of escape. So she offered to go to Puotow with them the next day.

The young woman gathered her loyal servants and followers, told them her decision to break the cordon during the night. She left every personal article behind except the Chassack seal. With a handful of loyal servants, she carried her little son, helped her aged mother, left her castle, and began to find her way westward to the appointed rendezvous agreed upon by her representative and Chinese troops.

HIDE-AND-SEEK

They were heard by the Mongol sentries, who began to fire at them. There was no going back, so she directed her men to resist. They succeeded in escaping by a small path and got safely to the Chinese side after five days of hide-and-seek with the pursuing Mongol troops.

SIGNALS BEAT U.S.S. TULSA

The Royal Signals played U. S. S. Tulsa in a friendly five-game duck pins match at the Hongkong Bowling Alleys yesterday evening. The result was a draw of 1,842 pins all but after a replay of one frame to decide the winner the Signals won by three pins.

ROYAL SIGNALS—Cpl. Blount, Cpl. J. H. Watts, L/Sgt. G. Somerville and Sig. W. Medford.

U.S.S. TULSA—C. T. Christensen, W. H. Hoffman, J. A. Vasko, and O. F. Drewes.

COUNCIL MEETING

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The Council, Dr. Lo Wen-kan, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, and scores of the nation's best talent in politics, education, philosophy, natural science, journalism, finance and industry.

JAPAN'S FAILURE

Practically all high government officials attended the inaugural meeting during which Generalissimo Chiang delivered a report on the past six months as regards the nation's military, diplomatic and political achievements. Japan's failure and the setting up of Wang Ching-wei's puppet regime in Nanking. His hopes for the present session of the Council were also outlined in the speech.

The Generalissimo's report was followed by a speech of admonition by Mr. Lin Sen, Chairman of the National Government, read by Dr. Wang Shi-chieh, Minister of Publicity and Secretary-General of the Council.

MEMBERS ENTERTAINED

Members of the People's Political Council were entertained at a luncheon party given by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Dr. Chang Po-ling, chairman and vice-chairman of the Council, at the Chia Ling House.

Soundness Of Financial Position In Britain

LONDON, APR. 1 (BWS)—SATISFACTION IS EXPRESSED IN THE PRESS AT THE SOUNDNESS OF THE FINANCIAL POSITION REVEALED BY THE 1939-40 REVENUE RETURNS.

Pointing out that the Chancellor has received in all £54,000,000 more than he anticipated last September and that the excess of expenditure over revenue is £170,000,000 less than was estimated, the Daily Telegraph comments, "Not the most despondent mind could find ground for anything but encouragement in the returns. The buoyancy of revenue is the most undeniable evidence of the country's financial strength."

"The income tax payer, who always reserves his best effort for the last quarter of the financial year has this time made an effort that must be without precedent

contributing over £282,000,000 during three months.

"The figures given as to War Loan and other Government borrowing show the nation's credit to be in a thoroughly sound and unshaken state fit for whatever calls may be made upon it in future. On all accounts there could not be a better beginning for the most formidable financial effort that Great Britain has ever been called upon to put forth."

Describing the returns as a budgetary triumph, The Times says, "It is clear that our financial structure is standing well up to the weight of war expenditure."

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

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Training Course—Part II. There will be no Part II of Training Course on Wednesday, April 3, 1940 for the Hongkong Section. The following members of the Flying Squad will attend Police Training School, Kowloon on Friday, April 5, 1940 for Part II of Training Course:—

Constables R339 So Manson, R355 Lee Hung Kwan, R356 H. J. Allen, R364 Lee Wan Choi, R368 Chan Wah Fung, R369 Yau Chi Chung, R370 Chan Chun, R372 Chiu Kwok Wah, R374 Tai Wing Tak, R375 Shum Koon Ying, R376 Lam Wye Kee, R377 Ng Yau Chou, R378 Ng Chak Ying, R379 Peter Yeung, R380 Chan Wing Fatt, R381 Chan Hung Pui, and R382 Chu Chung Leung.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE

Training Course—Part I. The undermentioned members of the Emergency Unit Reserve have qualified in Part I of Training Course on March 22, 1940:—

Constables R456 A. M. Sousa, R480 G. E. Harris, and R486 W. A. Jorge.

All ranks of the Emergency Unit Reserve will parade at No. 2 Police Station on Wednesday, April 3, at 17.15 hours and on Friday, April 5, at 17.30 hours. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with White Cover, Belt with Brace, Whistle and Chain, and Truncheon to be carried.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

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D.S.P. (R).

Hongkong, Apr. 1, 1940.

The Spring Festival of the Quarry Bay School will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. The plane then dived and machine-gunned the crew as they made for the boats but nobody was hit. Two of the crew died of exposure in the boat, one on Good Friday and the other on Easter Monday. Both were buried at sea.

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, 2nd APRIL, 1940, 8.30 A.M.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

From	Due
Straits	2nd Apr.
Japan and Shanghai	2nd Apr.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 22nd March	2nd Apr.
Bangkok	2nd Apr.
Amoy	2nd Apr.
Haiphong	2nd Apr.
Japan and Shanghai	2nd Apr.
Straits and Manila	2nd Apr.
Australia and Manila	2nd Apr.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 27th March	3rd Apr.
Shanghai	3rd Apr.
Canton	3rd Apr.
Manila	3rd Apr.
Saigon	3rd Apr.
Shanghai and Amoy	3rd Apr.
Shanghai	3rd Apr.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	3rd Apr.
Java and Manila	3rd Apr.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London, date 27th March	4th Apr.
Shanghai	4th Apr.
Straits	4th Apr.
Canton	4th Apr.
U. S. A. & Manila (San Francisco date, 28th Feb.)	4th Apr.
Japan	4th Apr.
Japan	4th Apr.
Canton	5th Apr.
Australia and Manila	5th Apr.
Straits and Saigon	5th Apr.
Straits	5th Apr.
Japan and Shanghai	5th Apr.
Europe via Suez and Straits—London date, 2nd March	8th Apr.
U.S.A. Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 5th March)	8th Apr.
Shanghai	8th Apr.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 30th March	7th April
Japan and Manila	7th Apr.
Japan and Shanghai	7th Apr.
U.S.A. and Manila—(San Francisco date, 18th Mar.)	7th Apr.
Haiphong	7th Apr.
Shanghai and Amoy	7th Apr.
Haiphong	8th Apr.
Shanghai	8th Apr.
Canton	9th Apr.
Manila	10th Apr.
Japan and Shanghai	10th Apr.
U.S.A. Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 13th March)	11th Apr.
U.S.A. Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 19th March)	11th Apr.
Canada, U.S.A. Japan and Shanghai—(Vancouver B. C. date, 23rd March)	11th Apr.
Sandakan	12th Apr.
Shanghai	14th Apr.

OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

For	Date and Time
TUESDAY	Tue. 2nd
Shanghai	10.30 AM
Calcutta	Parcels 11.00 AM
Haiphong	Ord. Noon
Saigon	1.00 PM
Manila	1.30 PM
Port Bayard	3.30 PM
Saigon	5.00 PM
	K.P.O.
	Parcels 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 3rd May	Parcels 4.00 PM
and London. Parcels—due London, 11th May	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
	K.P.O.
	Box 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London 10th April	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia, by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney 8th April	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 2nd 5.00 PM
	Ord. 2nd 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 9th April	Reg. 2nd 5.00 PM
	Ord. 3rd 7.30 AM
	8.30 AM
	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Par. 2nd 5.00 PM
	Reg. 3rd 9.45 AM
	Ord. 3rd 10.30 AM
	1.30 PM
	2.30 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
	K.P.O.
	Parcels 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada only)—due San Francisco, 18th April	Parcels 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM

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